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What is on the programme for 1955? Whom has Jim Norris, of the International Boxing Club, in mind for his feature fights of the new year? Norris himself will reveal his plans in the March Ring.

The Ring will cover two interesting fights,— the Floyd Patterson-Willie Troy contest, and the Cisco Andrade-Ralph Dupas event. Both fights will be reported with many illustrations. Nat Fleischer will cover these fights.

Boxing fans all over the world wonder what Rocky Marciano will do in 1955. The heavyweight programme will get special attention from Daniel M. Daniel.

One of the most interesting features of the year in this magazine is Lew Eskin's compilation of what we call "the batting averages" of the boxers. His statistics for 1954 will prove tremendously intriguing.

The Hall of Fame has been set up. Watch for the details in The Ring.

The life story of Pascual Perez, of the Argentine, new flyweight champion of th world, first South American to win a world title, will be presented by Nat Loubet.

What about the Irish in the ring today? Johnny Salak has done a fine piece on this subject.

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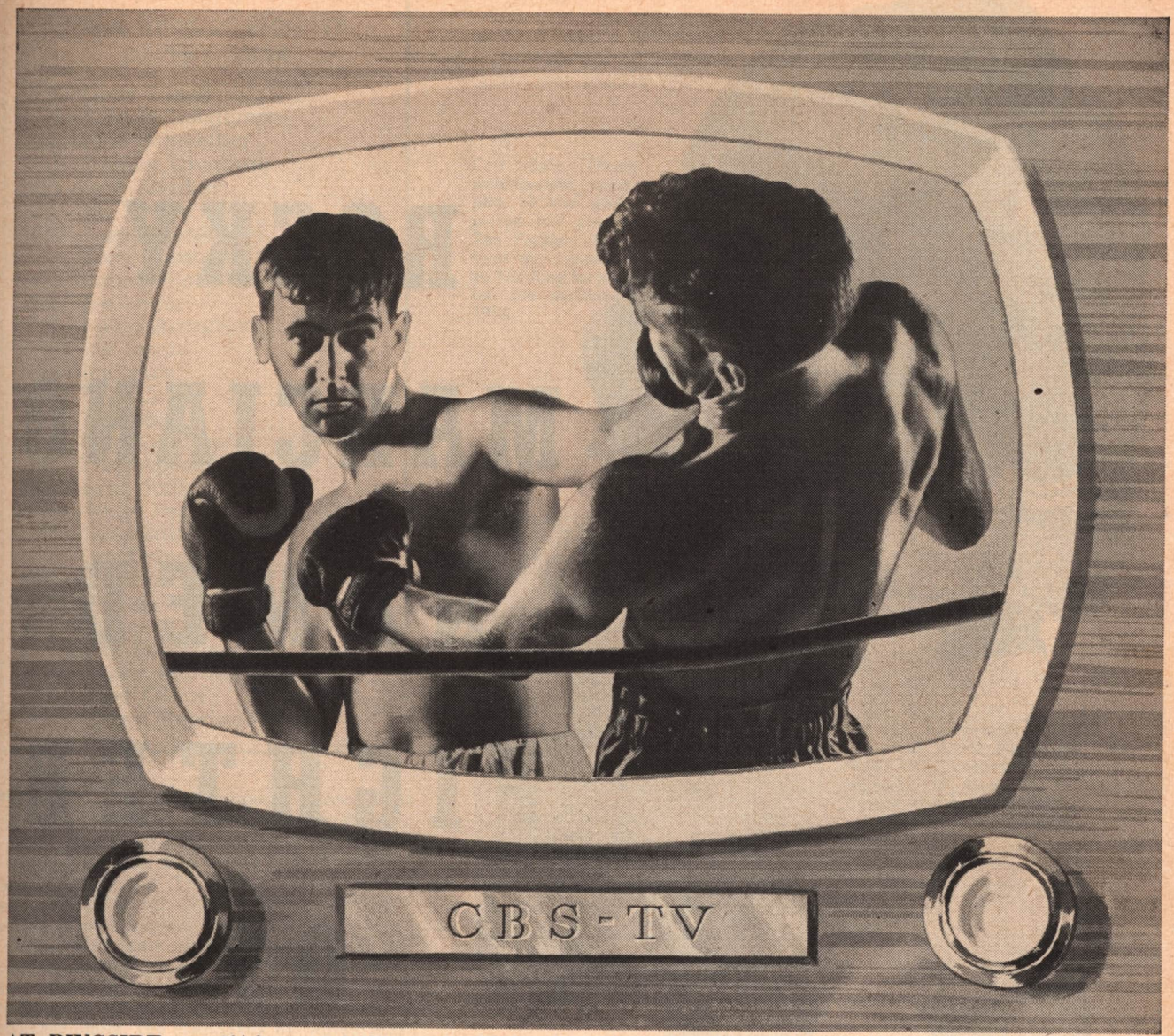

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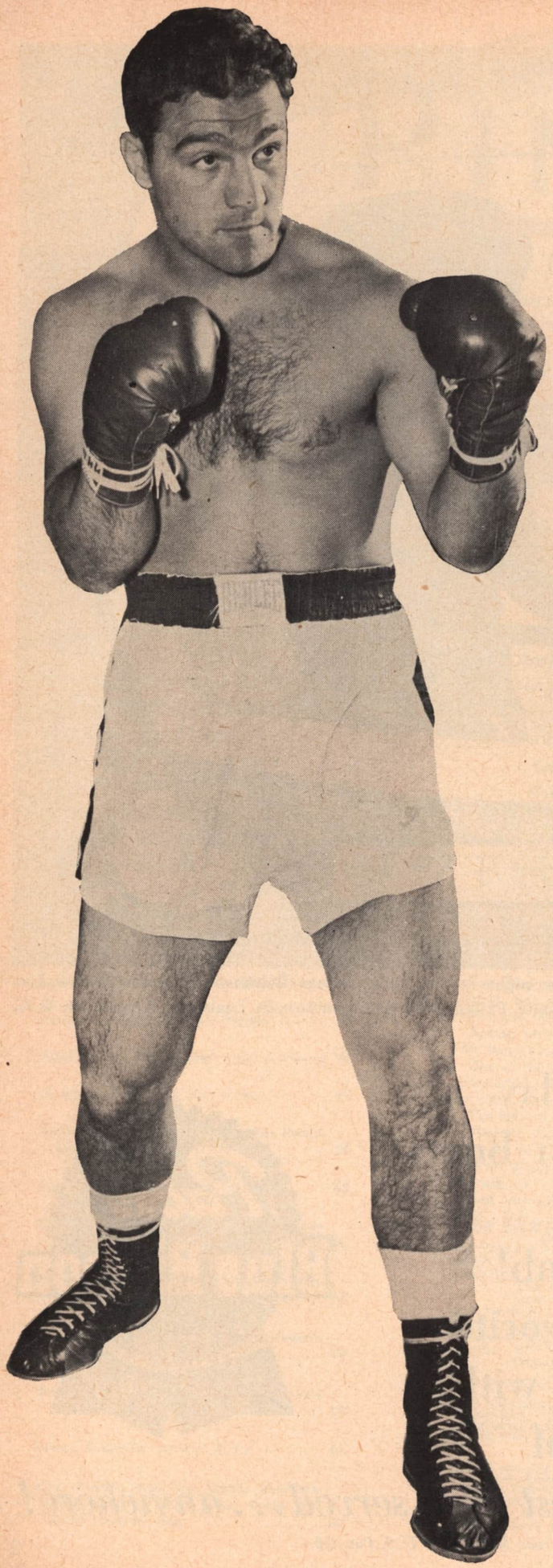


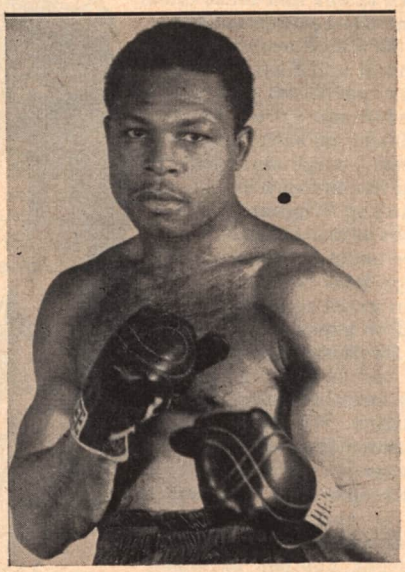
ROCKY MARCIANO NAMED FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

"THE RING'S" FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

1928—Gene Tunney
1929—Tommy Loughran
1930—Max Schmeling
1931—Tommy Loughran
1932—Jack Sharkey
1933—No Award
1934—Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri
1935—Barney Ross
1936—Joe Louis
1937—Henry Armstrong
1938—Joe Louis
1939—Joe Louis
1940—Billy Conn
1941—Joe Louis
1942—Ray Robinson
1943—Fred Apostoli
1944—Beau Jack
1945—Willie Pep
1946—Tony Zale
1947—Gus Lesnevich
1948—Ike Williams
1949—Ezzard Charles
1950—Ezzard Charles
1951—Ray Robinson
1952—Rocky Marciano
1953—Bobo Olson
1954—Rocky Marciano

Carl (Bobo) Olson, middleweight champion of the world, picked last year as The Fighter of the Year was nominated by The Ring for number two position in 1954.



The light heavyweight champion of the world, Archie Moore, was The Ring's third designated man as a runnerup to Marciano for Ring Fighter of the Year award.

THAT Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion of the world, was the Fighter of the Year for 1954 is self evident. That Marciano met all the rigid requirements set up by The Ring Magazine for achievement of its big annual award is a certainty well beyond all debate.

Since Marciano already had gained the citation, in 1952, and since The Ring Magazine, quite frankly, was open to conviction that some other battler could present a stronger claim, the standards by which Marciano once again landed the prize were all the more insistent on nothing but the best.

The process of determining the Fighter of the Year of this magazine is a thorough and intricate one.

He emerges from a long series of discussions among the staff of the publication, with Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher, in the chair.

Fleischer tries by every method, and with every weapon at his command, to break down the choice of the conference. This system is designed to bring out every argument, pro and con, and Marciano once more came through with flying colors.

To Bobo Olson, middleweight champion of the world, who was the Ring's Fighter of the Year for 1953, went the No. 2 designation for 1954.

To Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion of the world, was awarded the No. 3 spot, bringing with that designation the highest rating Moore yet has attained in the annual scramble for top honors in world boxing.

Behind Moore came a small group of fighters who had achieved high laurels through single triumphs. For one, Pascual Perez, of the Argentine, who had taken the flyweight title from Yoshio Shirai, of Japan.

For another, Robert Cohen, of France, who had gone to the head of the bantamweight class with his spectacular victory over Chamrern Songkitrat, of Thailand, in their 15 round encounter in Bangkok, witnessed by Fleischer, as a judge, and by him rated one of the fights of the year.

Kid Gavilan, who had merited high laurels in recent years, dropped out of the running with his poor, title-losing affair with Johnny Saxton, in Philadelphia.

Nor did the staff of this magazine believe Jimmy Carter had done anything earth-shaking when he recovered his lightweight championship from Paddy DeMarco, by a knockout.

Rather did the committee wonder why Carter had lost the title to DeMarco, in the first place!

The original set of regulations for the Fighter of the Year award, which was originated by The Ring Magazine in 1928, still governs the selection.

It is not sufficient that a boxer be a first rate technician, that he be the holder of a world title.

In addition to being a standout performer, he must have an out-of-the-ring reputation which would recommend him to the general public.

This proviso is more rigidly adhered to than ever before, because of the fact that our fighters now enter the American home, via television.

It is important that this magazine, that boxing as a whole, does not build up for the parents and the children boxing figures who do not qualify from the standpoint of public acceptance, 100 percent.

The Ring Magazine holds that a boxer who appears on your television screen is a guest in your home, and should be eligible as a guest. Certainly this publication is not going to be a party of the aggrandizement of any boxer whose

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RING RATINGS The EMBRACE WORLD

Scandals, taking play away from boxing, cut deeply into attendances

By NAT FLEISCHER

LOOKING back over the last twelve months, one cannot overlook the fact that boxing has experienced one of its worst years. It had been hoped that with the Korean war ended and the return of many boxers to civilian life, the sport would boom with more talent and more clubs operating. But the figures show that the reverse is true.

In 1950, there were more than 5000 fighters registered as professionals in our country, Central and South America with about 2200 licensed in other parts of the world, principally in England, France and Italy.

In 1954 those figures were cut almost in half. Less than 4000 boxers were competing in world pugilism with the largest influx of newcomers hailing from the Far East where, unlike in the States and in England, there is extreme eagerness on the part of the youths to become professional boxers. Three bouts in Thailand, two championships and a non-title contest, drew more in paid attendance and in gross receipts than did the International Boxing Club gross in all of its Garden bouts for the year or for those in the Chicago Stadium.

The whys and wherefores have been too frequently discussed to warrant repetition. We know there are several reasons for the tremendous drop but to date little has been done to overcome the hazards.

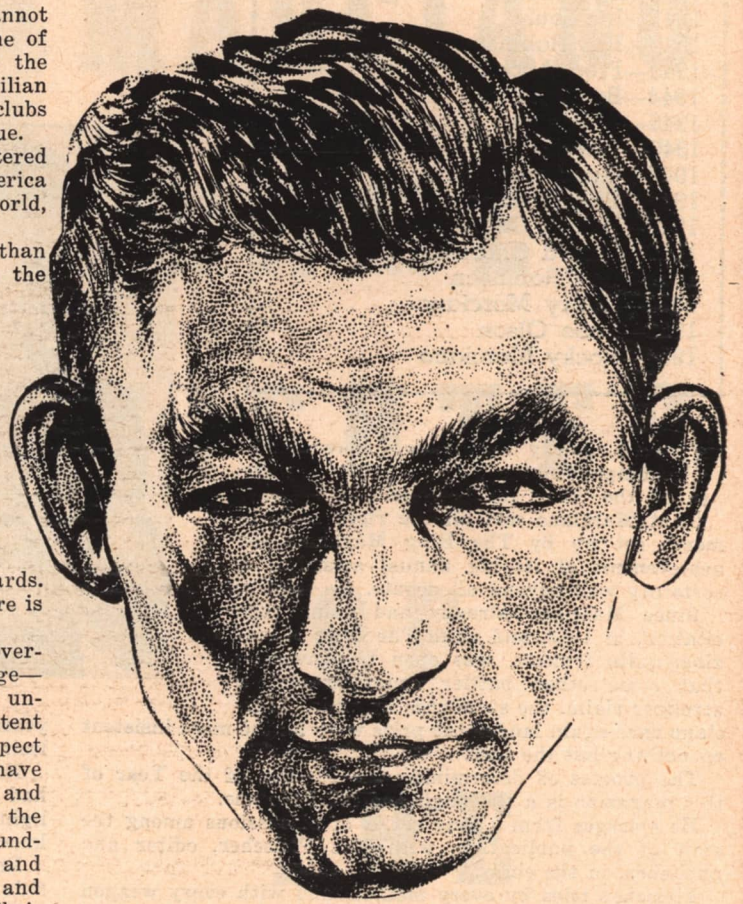
Television has definitely played a major role, but there is far more to it than TV.

As appears in another section of this issue, we have overcome one great hazard, fatalities, but another scourge—racketeering, hoodlumism hidden behind the skirts of undercover managers, has undermined the sport to the extent that many persons who looked upon boxing with the respect it deserved, have deserted it. Stories of gangsterism have taken the place of stories of thrilling ring battles and though the boxing commissions have been apprised of the evil and have legislature power to act and drive the scoundrels to cover, they have scarcely scratched the surface, and then only because of high pressure by the newspapers and magazines. There was no initiative on their part. Their eyes were shut to the evil until pressure was brought to bear.

Television is here to stay. Let's face it. But racketeering, with the knowledge of boxing commissions and promoters, is something that can and must be eliminated if boxing is to survive.

The records for the year show to what extent television has made inroads on boxing, a sport that only a few years ago boasted of an average attendance of 10,000 in Madison Square Garden with gross gates of upward of $15,000. During the entire year, the House that Tex built didn't have a gross paid attendance of that figure. The largest for the year was in a world championship fight between Archie Moore and Harold Johnson with a top of 8,327!

The twelve rounds featherweight elimination bout between Red Top Davis and Sandy Saddler, which figured to be an excellent encounter and was such, drew less than 2,000 persons with a gate of only about $5,000! Imagine such being reported in the days when the Garden ruled the roost as the world's top boxing arena.



Carmen Basilio, of Syracuse, New York, gets top billing among the welterweights. Johnny Saxton, champ of the division, rates third after Basilio and Kid Gavilan.

In the I.B.C.'s plant in Chicago, the largest indoor boxing arena in the country, several top shows in which major ranking boxers competed, drew less than 1,000 persons, enough to discourage any promoter. The gate for the Harold Johnson vs. Paul Andrews bout drew 940 persons; that for Moses Ward and Yolende Pompey, 855 and that for Gil Turner vs. Al Andrews, only 910. Those figures give a fair overall picture of how boxing has suffered from a variety of causes.

If fights carry an appeal, it has been proved on many occasions that the fans will come out to see the contest. But stories of collusion, dirty linen washed in public by fight managers, district attorneys investigating racketeering, grand juries inspecting accounts of fight clubs—those headlines as much if not more so than any other cause, have kept boxing down to the lowest it has been in years.

Too little action by boxing commissions when they could have struck, gave the unsavory characters an opportunity

to obtain a strange hold on the sport. Now when the damage is done, we hear cries of Federal Control with a Federal Commissioner. No Federal Commissioner can accomplish more than could a Boxing Commission empowered with legislative legal powers. Urging Federal control is merely passing the buck by those who find the job too big for them to handle.

In Europe and in America, amateur boxing is coming back into its own and by degrees, in many cities, is replacing the pros. The reason is obvious—saving expenses by offering prizes instead of guarantees; the elimination of the professional manager; the reduction of overhead expenses and, above all, the fact that promoters don't have to deal with undercover agents to get their talent.

The writer travelled twice around the world in five months and flew close to 100,000 miles in 1954 to see boxing talent in all parts of the universe—our own country, Central and South America, Europe and Asia and because of that, his classifications are not made upon guess work. Almost every boxer who is listed numerically in the 1954 world ratings, has been seen in action by "The Ring" editor. That's more than any other sports writer can acknowledge.

Our annual ratings have hit the mark through the years for more than eighty percent, an average of which we feel mighty proud. Our monthly prospects likewise have brought to the front lads who, had it not been for "The Ring," would have had little opportunity to show their wares in major clubs.

This year, as in the past, we have eliminated from the world rankings boxers who had a few contests then retired. A total of 2,200 boxers have been classified either numerically, a class which comprises those who were headliners and the majority of whom were seen on nationally televised shows, or in Classes A, B or C, depending on the year's record. Finishing the year with a clean slate against ordinary boxers in four or six rounders, doesn't bring a numerical rating to such pugilist. The ranking is based on ability as shown on the records we keep in "The Ring" office of each fighter.

In the heavyweight division, Rocky Marciano clearly has earned the Number One spot, in a class by himself, as have Archie Moore in the light heavyweight division and Bobo Olson in the middleweight class.

Though Nino Valdes didn't engage in many contests, he proved his right to top rating as first in line for a shot at Marciano's title, with Don Cockell of England next. Valdes heads the second group.

Though Ezzard Charles was twice defeated by Marciano, he continues to be a top ranking heavyweight and rates above Bob Baker, who is fourth. Jimmy Slade, who did well as a heavyweight but flopped when he fought Floyd Patterson as a light heavy, is rated in the class in which he did most of his fighting as is listed seventh.

Dan Bucceroni, who fought top men during the year, is the leader of a third group.

The light heavyweight division finds Billy Smith topping the contender's group as Number One in line for a championship match. Joey Maxim, who, though he scaled 189½ pounds for his last fight, that against Paul Andrews, fought during the year in the lower division, is ranked second in that class, but hereafter will appear in the heavyweight sector.

Though Harold Johnson was stopped by Archie Moore, he was in the lead at the time, and continues to be a sturdy contender. He ranks behind Maxim, with Floyd Patterson, who made fine progress during 1954 and handed the tough Jimmy Slade a shellacking, is next in line with Paul Andrews, fifth and Marty Marshall of Detroit, next.

Three foreigners follow. Gerhard Hecht of Germany, Yolende Pompee of Trinidad and Willie Hoepner of Germany.

Despite the fact that Pierre Langlois, the pleasing French middleweight received the assignment as substitute for Joey Giardello in a world title bout with Bobo Olson, his record for the year doesn't entitle him to a higher place than fifth. He had only five fights of which he lost three, one to a welterweight.

Giardello continues to hold on to the top post in the group of contenders with Rocky Castellani, Holly Mims and Charley Humez of France, who made an excellent comeback, following in that order.

The section has five foreigners ranked among the first twelve. In addition to Langlois, Humez and Tiberio Mitri of Italy, Eduadro Lausse of Argentina and Gustav Scholz of Germany are numerically ranked.

In the third numbered group, those listed are Bobby Dawson of New York, Claude Milazzo of Italy, Paddy Young of New York, John L. Sullivan, British Empire champion, Moses Ward of Detroit, Hans Stretz of Germany, Gordon Hazell of England, Willie Pastrano of New Orleans, Bobby Dykes of Miami who dropped badly during the year; Ernie Durando of Bayonne, N. J. and Gil Turner of Philadelphia, another who took a bad tumble.

There are three groups in the welter class in which the champion, for the first time in many years, failed to get top rating. Our selections give that post to Carmen Basilio of Syracuse, with Kid Gavilan on his heels. Saxton holds down third place though he is king of the division and Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles is next.

Then comes another group headed by Freddy Dawson of Chicago who is campaigning in Australia. Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., one of the top ring scientists of his division and Tony De Marco of Boston, another boy who made fine headway in 1954 are listed next in that order.

Four foreigners make up the lower section of this group. Hector Constance of Trinidad is sixth; Somdez Yontrakit of Thailand, a busy, two-fisted battler who is making good strides, is seventh; followed by Chico Varona of Cuba and Wally Thom of England.

Joe Micelli of New York heads the third group with Art Aragon trailing him.

Several newcomers to top ratings are classified in the lightweight division in which Jimmy Carter, who regained his title for the second time to set a record, is our Number One man with his victim, Paddy De Marco, dethroned king, behind him.

An Italian with an excellent record, a lad who would be a hit in the States, is next in line. He is Duilio Loi. Following, come two boys who have made fine progress during the year, Ralph Dupas of New Orleans and Frankie Ryff of New York. Ryff has been the sensation of New York. He looms as one of the strongest contenders for lightweight honors.

Though Eddie Chavez of San Jose was in the Army and thus was kept idle for a time, his record entitles him to fifth choice with Wallace Bud Smith of Cincinnati our next selection.

Arthur Persley's defeat by Bud Smith kept him from a higher post than eighth, with California's champion, Cisco Andrade, Havana's title holder, Orlando Zulueta, Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Cal., Richie Howard, Canada's title holder and Bonnie Espinosa of Manila following in that order.

Glen Flanagan of St. Paul, Minn., heads the second group with Lulu Perez of Brooklyn, following.

The featherweight division finds the same two who were top men in 1953—Sandy Saddler, champion and Teddy Red Top Davis his leading challenger leading the parade.

A clever performance, with excellent jabbing and maneuvering enabled Davis to nose out Percy Bassett for the top contender's post when Red Top defeated Percy in Madison Square Garden in the latter part of November. Willie Pep, who ranked above Bassett in third place in 1953's selections, has dropped out of the rated sector. He is classified in Class A.

Seven boxers are listed in Group 2, with Ray Famechon at the head. With the exception of Rudy Garcia of Los Angeles, who is second and Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn, our seventh choice, the others are all foreigners.

Orlando Eschevarria of Cuba; Shijeki Kaneko of Japan

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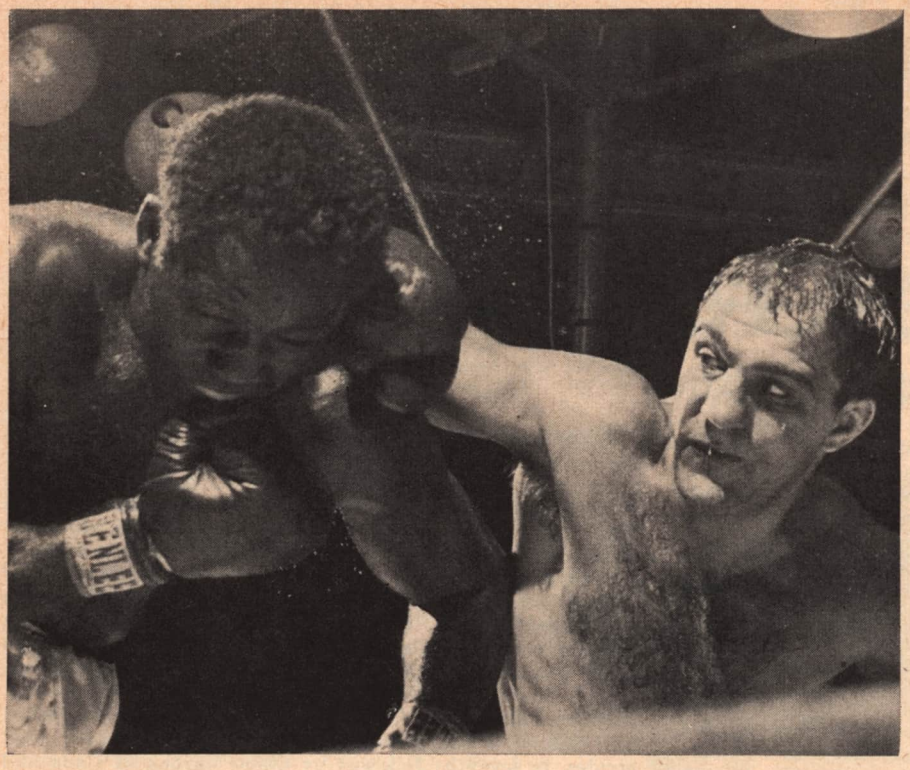


Rocky in Fight of the Year

By Johnny Salak

FOR the third year in a row a bout in which Rocky Marciano engaged—his return encounter with Ezzard Charles on September 17 at Yankee Stadium in New York—emerged as the Fight of the Year. Charles, who had lasted the full fifteen rounds against the world heavyweight champion on June 17, was overwhelmed, savagely beaten and knocked out in the eighth round.

Marciano's title bout knock out of Roland LaStarza in 1953 took down honors as the top fight of the year, while in 1952 it was in scoring a knockout over Jersey Joe Walcott to win the heavyweight title that his fight was chosen as the standout of the year.

When Charles met Marciano for the first time he was accorded little chance of staying the distance with the man who had scored 40 knockouts in forty-five bouts, was undefeated and was world champion.

But, though Charles got the worst of it, Rocky never connected solidly in the right spot in that first bout and the challenger was hailed for having gone the limit with Marciano. Rocky hurt him at least four times and there was no doubt about the decision. It was a savage and suspensefully fought battle.

Marciano's left eye was cut early in the battle, he was blinded and choking with his own blood through most of the fight. Charles battled him right up to the end. In losing, Ezzard, who had formerly held the title, put up the greatest fight of his career.

Though he staggered Charles several times the vaunted punch of Marciano failed to drop the challenger.

It was conceded that both had learned much from the first battle. It was thought that Charles might be able to slash the champion up again, blind him and outbox him. But it was also admitted that Charles had taken considerable punishment and it was problematical as to how he would bear up in the return encounter.

After a two days postponement, due to inclement weather, their second meeting took place on September 17. Charles boxed beautifully to take the first round but from then on it was obvious that it was only a matter of time before the champion would score the knockout that eluded him in the first bout, despite the fact that the challenger inflicted cutting damage on him in the ensuing rounds.

In the second round, after several fierce exchanges, with Marciano relentlessly moving forward, two hard rights to the head sent Charles to the canvas. Charles was up at the count of two and freely traded punches with the champion for the remainder of the round.

The swelling tide of Marciano's attacks, though they came frequently and often missed dreadfully, did not see the champion win easily and without formidable resistance from Charles. In the third round, hard, well-placed rights by Charles started Marciano's nose bleeding and the flow could not be stemmed throughout the remainder of the bout.

With a driving force Marciano blasted at Charles through the fourth and fifth rounds, dealing out a great amount of punishment and weakening the challenger to the point where a knockout was imminent.

The sixth round saw Charles working effectively with left hooks and jabs. Raking left hooks slashed the end of Marciano's nose and he was bleeding badly. He came out for the seventh with a patch on the nose, knowing that the hampering bleeding would start again and went out for the kill.

But Charles fought back, smothering Rocky's attempts at returns, driving hard rights to the chin and head. The champion sensed that it was a do-or-die effort for Charles now and would not be denied. Rocky staggered Charles with a right and left to the jaw. He moved in but Charles tied him up. Rocky again staggered the challenger with a flurry of blows as the bell sounded. Rocky again hit Charles with a right after the end of the round, as he had done at the end of the second and fifth rounds. Charles' handlers protested and Referee Al Berl warned Marciano.

WITH the eighth they came out fast and traded lefts to the head. During an exchange Marciano was cut over his left eye. Charles drove a right to the midsection. Rocky hooked a left to the face and drove a right to the chest. A long right to the head dropped Charles. He was up at four, dazed and hurt. Marciano drove forward after a badly battered Charles. Marciano sent over a volley of blows. Both fists were moving over Charles' head and body. A raking hook again sent Charles to the canvas. The challenger, tired and beaten, made an effort to get up. He pulled himself to a squatting position, his hands resting on the canvas as he listened to the count. At ten, his hands were still touching the deck. An instant later he was up but the referee had signalled that it was all over.

There was no question as to the superiority of Marciano over Charles, despite the fact that the champion was bloodied and cut and the challenger hardly showed any marks of the beating he took.

Marciano fought like a champion, handicapped by the constant gore he was spilling. Charles proved to be a

worthy challenger who had given his best, which proved to be far from enough against a man who has never been defeated as a professional.

It was the end of the trail of Ezzard Charles, who fought his way to three opportunities to try to regain the world heavyweight championship, a feat which remains unaccomplished. Marciano, as time goes on and his successful title defense increase takes on greater stature. His "return bout" performances are becoming as convincing as the mark set up by Joe Louis.

In 1950 Roland LaStarza had held Marciano to a close ten rounds decision. In 1953, as champion, though it took him a round longer to win over LaStarza, he proved himself to be the master of Roland and kayoed him in eleven rounds.

Marciano took thirteen rounds to dispose of Jersey Joe Walcott in winning the title in 1952. The following year he knocked out Walcott in less than three minutes. And in 1954, Charles!

The Fighter of the Year and in The Fight of the Year. Few opportunities and honors escape the Brockton Blockbuster.

Several other bouts were given serious backing in the voting for the Fight of the Year. The world bantamweight title bout between Jimmy Carruthers and Chamrern Songkitrat, held at Bangkok, Thailand on May 2, before a crowd of 60,000 in a torrential downpour, Charley Norkus' nine round knockout of Danny Nardico, (a bout which produced eight knockdowns), the middleweight title bout (in which two champions engaged) between Bobo Olson and Kid Gavilan, and Archie Moore's victory over Harold Johnson in a light heavyweight championship contest, all were strong in the running.

AND to the last named fight goes the honor of having included The Round of the Year—the fourteenth—in which Moore kayoed Johnson.

They met on August 11 at Madison Square Garden for the fifth time. It was "old hat," for they had gone to four previous decisions with Moore taking three of them. It seemed that it was just a question of the champion going through the motions of defending his title.

But through thirteen rounds Moore was extended, his title was in jeopardy and the scorecards said that the champion had to knock out challenger Johnson to retain his crown.

The aged titleholder, fighting in Madison Square Garden for the first time in his eighteen years as a pro, came out for the fourteenth round determined to upset the upset in the making.

Moore flicked a left jab into Johnson's bleeding nose and the challenger retreated. With lightning speed he sent over a right to the jaw which staggered Johnson. Another right landed as Johnson's head dropped forward. The challenger was up at five and the referee incorrectly counted to eight before he would let the fight continue. The mandatory eight count is waived in title bouts.

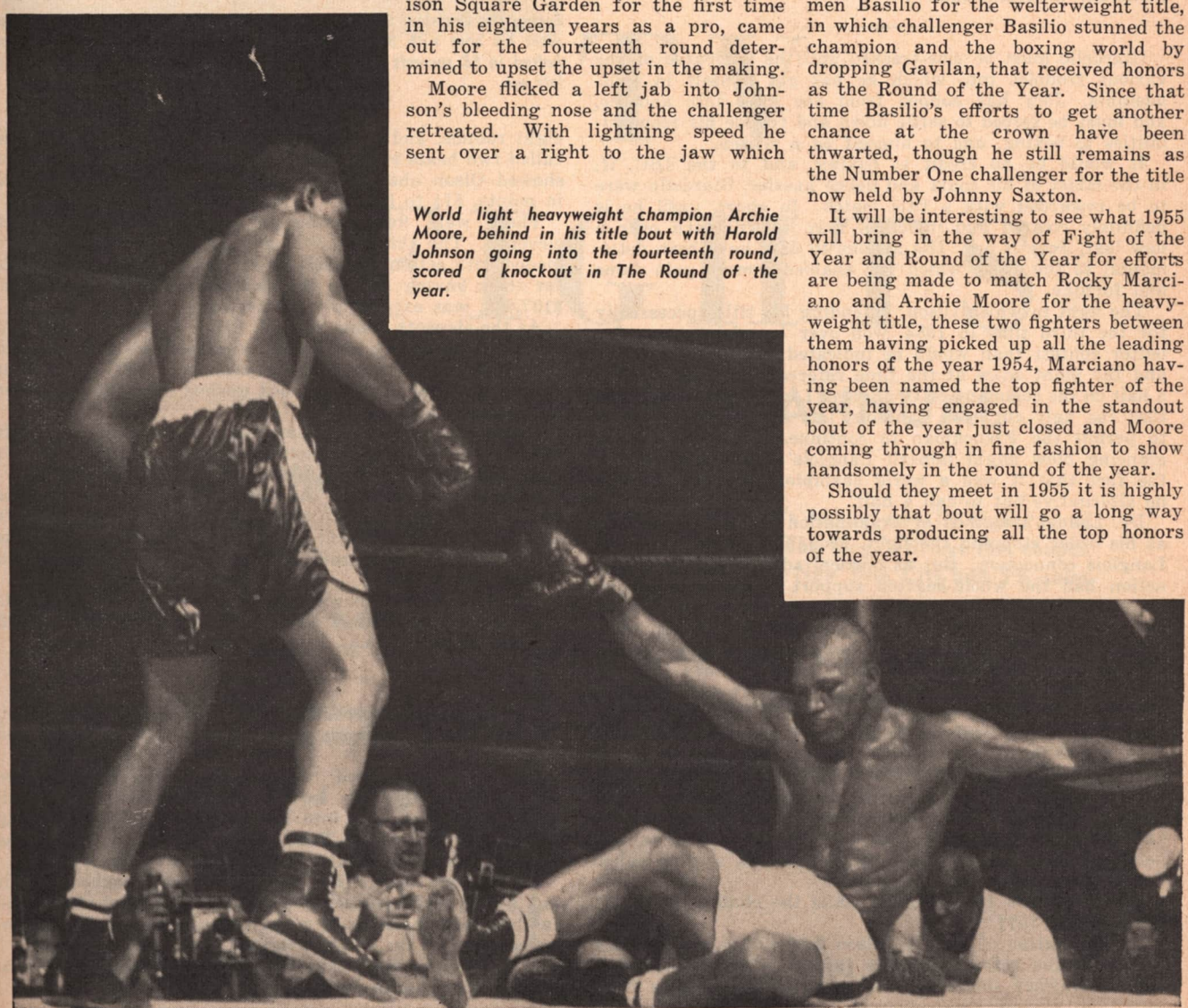
Moore backed Johnson into a corner and pounded away with rights and lefts that left Johnson helplessly draped over the ropes. The referee stepped in between them, after an elapse of 56 seconds of the round, to stop the fight and save Johnson from further punishment.

Other outstanding rounds of the year included Tiberio Mitri's one round kayo of Randy Turpin to win the European middleweight title, Charley Norkus' ninth round knockout of Danny Nardico, the second round in which unheralded Marty Marshall dropped Bob Satterfield four times to score a kayo, and the second round of the Nino Valdes-Tommy Jackson because of the controversial aspect of the three knockdowns in a round ending a fight rule. The last of Jackson's trips to the canvas was a questionable knockdown but the referee had to halt the bout and declare Valdes the winner.

In 1953 it was the second round of the fight between Kid Gavilan and Carmen Basilio for the welterweight title, in which challenger Basilio stunned the champion and the boxing world by dropping Gavilan, that received honors as the Round of the Year. Since that time Basilio's efforts to get another chance at the crown have been thwarted, though he still remains as the Number One challenger for the title now held by Johnny Saxton.

It will be interesting to see what 1955 will bring in the way of Fight of the Year and Round of the Year for efforts are being made to match Rocky Marciano and Archie Moore for the heavyweight title, these two fighters between them having picked up all the leading honors of the year 1954, Marciano having been named the top fighter of the year, having engaged in the standout bout of the year just closed and Moore coming through in fine fashion to show handsomely in the round of the year.

Should they meet in 1955 it is highly possibly that bout will go a long way towards producing all the top honors of the year.



World light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, behind in his title bout with Harold Johnson going into the fourteenth round, scored a knockout in The Round of the year.

Humez Next for Olson

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.: Having disposed of Pierre Langlois, of France, in the eleventh round in the Cow Palace here on the night of December 15, on a technical knockout, Carl Bobo Olson, middleweight champion of the world, now appears quite likely to tackle another Frenchman, Charley Humez.

A fight between Bobo and Humez, who has enjoyed a terrific comeback year, would go far to clear the atmosphere as regards the world aspect of Olson's title.

Not that anybody disputes Bobo's definite right and ownership. But it would mean a lot to Bobo, and a lot to the championship, if the American were to take on Humez.

A contest between Bobo and Charley will not be difficult to arrange, as Humez is headed for the United States.

Letting Humez into the middleweight competition over the heads of Joey Giardello, rated the top contender, and Rocky Castellani doubtless will bring howls from American critics. However, the fact remains that Humez stands out as the best match at this time. Castellani already has had a crack at the title, and must resign himself to wait a while for a second shot.

Giardello must be side-tracked until he is cleared of the various troubles into which he has got himself in Philadelphia. Joey has hopped from one mess into another, and must be forced to settle down and realize his responsibilities to boxing, and to himself as a citizen.

It would be no credit to boxing, and to the IBC, if, in the midst of his court and police hassles, Giardello were to be rewarded with a title match. In short, until he is definitely cleared and indicates that he will turn over a new leaf, Joey is out. His actions to date have been detrimental to the sport which has enabled him to gain fame and fortune.

The fight in which Olson, defending his title successfully for the third time in 1954, won over Langlois was a far better contest than would be indicated by the final result and the point score at the time referee Ray Flores called a halt on the command of Dr. Robert Laddon who announced that the ugly cut over Langlois' left eye was too serious to permit the Frenchman to continue. He added that a glancing blow might imperil Langlois' sight, and, despite the fact that it was a world championship fight, he had no alternative but to call a halt.

Dr. Laddon's method of examination of the cut, as well as his order stopping the fight, brought protests from the Langlois connection. But as medical advisor, Dr. Laddon's action had the whole-hearted support of the commission.

George Kanter, American representative of the beaten challenger, said, "The fans did not get a run for their dough. The cut was not serious enough to justify full stoppage of the contest, especially with a world title involved. But the fact remains that the cut was about a quarter of an inch wide and ran from one end of the Frenchman's left eyebrow to the other and bled profusely.

In short, the doctor and the referee could not be castigated for their justifiable collusion in ending the fight after only 58 seconds of action in the eleventh round.

There wasn't a single knockdown in the melee. Flores and judge Jack Downey had Bobo ahead by 59½ to 50½ points, a clear margin under the California scoring rules. Judge Vern Bybee saw it 59 to 51.

Olson weighed 159½ pounds, while the challenger tipped the beam at 157¾.

In the matter of rounds, Olson had things all his own way with the referee and the judges. Flores called it 9 and 1. Downey showed a similar card. Bybee gave Bobo eight rounds, and failed to yield even one to Langlois. He called two heats even. The score card of this correspondent showed Olson ahead in rounds, 7 to 1 and one even and in points, 57½ to 52½.

Eyeing the Decision! Challenger Pierre Langlois of France as he looked after his bout with Bobo Olson for the world middleweight title was halted in 58 seconds of the eleventh round due to a bad cut over his left eye.

There were five highlighted rounds before the brief eleventh. The third, fourth, sixth, eighth and tenth were loaded with action and well repaid the 16,453 paying guests for their having packed the Cow Palace. The gross gate, $107,660, was exceedingly gratifying.

As the eleventh round started, Olson, quite naturally, concentrated his attack on the cut, and then the referee called the doctor and Langlois was beaten on a TKO. Bobo kept belting that cut until the blood gushed over the challenger and champion alike.

Olson did not punish Langlois merely about that left eye. In the fourth, Langlois' nose bled, in the eighth his mouth bled. The eye was welted in the third round.

Although winning all the way, Olson did not come out of the ring unscathed. In the second round, the challenger's last punch opened a cut on Bobo's left eyebrow. In the third, Olson's cut brigade did a fine job on that eye and stopped the bleeding.

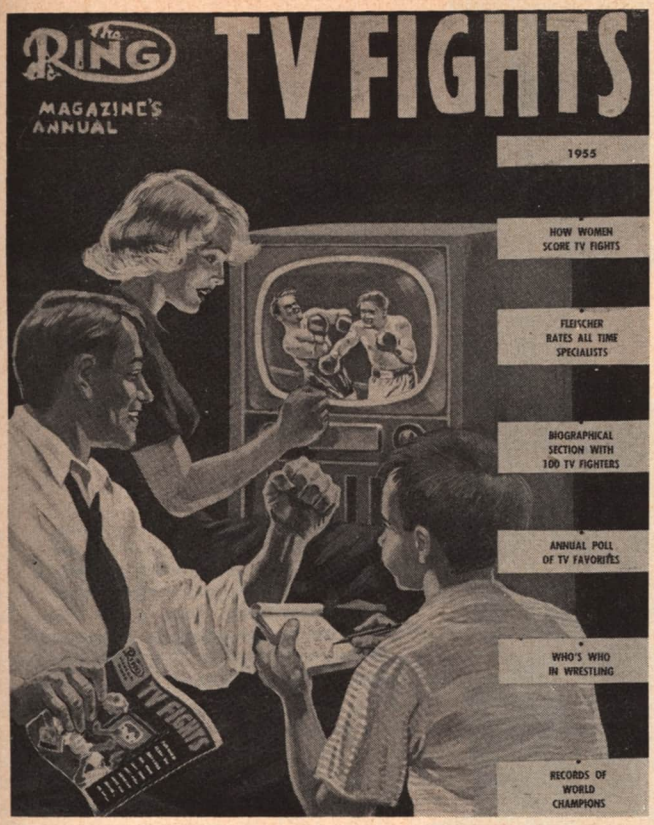
Langlois' record shows only three KO's in 84 fights. He was stopped by Johnny Bratton in Montreal, and by Bill Gleason in Australia.

Olson achieved the peak of his attack in the sixth round. He had the Frenchman quite willing to back away and cover.

The round appeared to start badly for Bobo. Pierre backed Olson into his corner. But Bobo, with his back to the ring post, tore into the challenger with everything he had. In this melee Bobo opened up the welt over the left eye. Langlois backtracked fast and furiously.

At no time was either fighter in real trouble. But it was a fine performance, by far, on the part of Olson, who has been proving himself a worthy successor to Ray Robinson as king of the middleweights.

It was a clean fight, expertly conducted by Referee Flores, and a real credit to Bobo.



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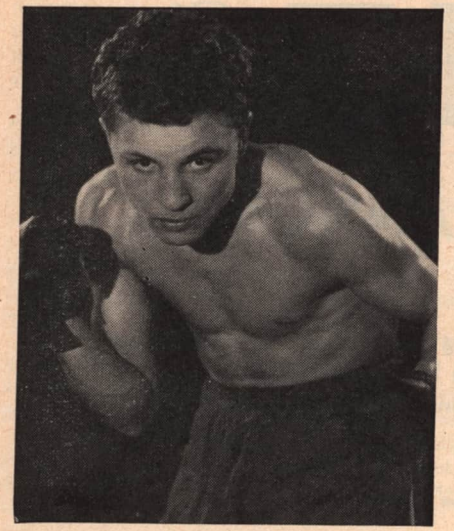
By JERSEY JONES

Despite fine record in Argentina, Pascual Perez was unknown to rest of world before his startling performances against world flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai. Perez is seen here with trophy presented by Japanese Prime Minister after he wrested title from Shirai in Tokyo.



Cherif Hamia, one of two Algerian youngsters who, in their "freshman" years in boxing, capped spectacular campaigns by winning French titles. Hamia became featherweight champion while Seraphin Ferrer annexed lightweight laurels.

PEREZ WINS PROGRESS AWARD

OUT of all the world's ring activity, what fighter could be credited with having made the most progress in 1954?

Was it some up-and-coming youngster, practically unknown to the world at large before the year started, or a comparative veteran previously undistinguished in major competition?

Was he a product of the bustling docks of Liverpool, the rolling pampas of the Argentine, the rice paddies of the Philippines, or the masonic canyons of New York?

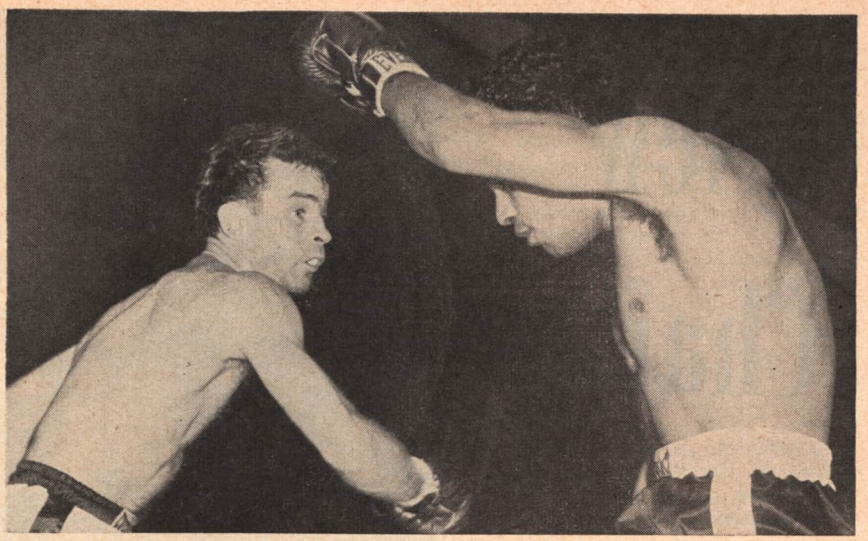
Was he a heavyweight, a middleweight, a lightweight, a flyweight?

Out of the scores of lads who hopped from virtual obscurity into international prominence during the past twelve months, it is not a simple matter selecting the one who seemed to have made the longest and most impressive strides forward.

It's a ticklish problem to play with, and one that invites a veritable deluge of arguments.

The Ring staff devoted considerable time and discussion to the matter before deciding on its selection.

Here, on the American scene, it was generally agreed that Frankie Ryff, 22-year-old New York lightweight, was the leading Yank entry. With a professional career limited to only sixteen bouts, Ryff conducted a spectacular campaign that carried him from a Class B listing in 1953 to No. 4 spot in the lineup of World Champion Jimmy Carter's ranking challengers.



The bout that moved Frankie Ryff into the Big Ten lightweight ratings for the first time. This action shot shows Ryff (left) driving Dupas into the ropes during their speedy ten-round battle at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena.

RYFF wasn't exactly a "rookie," and his rapid advance in 1954 was hardly a surprise to those who had remembered the young man as a brilliant amateur. Back in 1950 Frankie had been outstanding as a featherweight in Golden Gloves competition. That year he grabbed every important title for which he competed in the annual nation-wide carnival of clout sponsored by the New York *Daily News* and the Chicago *Tribune*. First he annexed the New York laurels, then the Eastern, and finally the National. The following year he repeated in the New York and Eastern meets, but lost unexpectedly in the final round of the National.

During the summer of 1951, Ryff turned professional, and was a winner from the start. He began modestly enough in preliminaries but worked his way up rapidly, and by the end of the year, in his fifth bout, he had established himself as a main-eventer at the smaller clubs in and around New York.

Frankie's rapid rise, however, bumped into a couple of interruptions in the next two years. First, he suffered a badly damaged right hand in an automobile accident, and was out of the ring eight months. His return was cut short when the Army decided to use him for a while. Another eight-months' absence from leather-tossing activity resulted. With two bouts in 1952 and two more in 1953, Ryff's entire pro record embraced only nine fights when Frankie, at the start of 1954, was ready to resume his twice-interrupted career.

The youngster started his year's campaign in a "tune-up" with obscure Guillermo Roberts in White Plains. Then he whipped rugged Johnny DiGilio in a Madison Square Garden semi-final. He shaped up so well against DiGilio that the Eastern Parkway Arena offered him a chance to appear on network TV.

For his first ten-round bout—until then his limit had been eight rounds—the kid turned in a sparkling job on journeyman Brian Kelly. Back at the Parkway, he lamblasted Dennis Pat Brady. Moving up the scale, his next two victims, also at the Parkway, were a pair of rated opponents, Ralph Dupas and Henry Davis. By now Frankie was in the ratings himself. He placed ninth after the win over Dupas, and shoved up two notches to seventh after beating Davis.

For his final outing of 1954, Ryff shifted to Madison Square Garden, and whipped shifty, cagey Orlando Zulueta in one of the most exciting fights of the year. That performance elevated him still further in the ratings and he was No. 4 in the lightweight list when the year ended.

IN neighboring Canada, the most remarkable advance was accounted for by another lightweight, Richie (Kid) Howard of Halifax.

Although a comparative youngster in age (only 24), Howard was a well-seasoned veteran when 1954 began. Fighting seven years as a pro, he had packed in 60 bouts in Canada and the United States, but hadn't accomplished anything of notable importance, and was considered just a strong, awkward mauler of second-rate talents.

It was something of a surprise when reports flashed out of Halifax in September that Howard had beaten Armand Savoie of Montreal for the Canadian lightweight title. Only a few months before, in the same ring, Savoie had whipped Howard, and he was generally expected to repeat.

But the victory was no accident, as Howard proceeded to demonstrate in his next two outings, also in Halifax. First, he trounced another strong Canadian rival, Brian Kelly, then accounted for the most impressive victory of all by edging out the highly rated internationalist, Orlando Zulueta. Howard completed his year's campaign by going to Montreal and beating Brian Kelly again.

From an inconspicuous listing in the 1953 roundup, Howard's stock jumped to No. 12 spot in the ranking of Contenders for the world lightweight title.

There was no arguing against Mexico's candidate for the Most Progress nomination in 1954. It was unbeaten bantamweight Raton Macias, who, in his second year of professional activity, ran his winning skein to eleven straight, and numbered two top Yankee visitors, Billy Peacock and Nate Brooks, among his victims. By his win over Brooks in Mexico City, Macias annexed the North American bantam title, and recognition as World Champion Robert Cohen's No. 1 challenger.

EUROPEAN rings came up with quite a crowd of fast-moving newcomers. Two of Britain's standouts were light-heavyweight Ron Barton of London and middleweight Pat McAteer of Birkenhead. In his first year of pro fighting, and after less than a dozen bouts, Barton had established himself as a ranking contender for the British 175-pound laurels. McAteer, scrapping two years, extended his unbeaten string to thirty-two (more than half his victories by knockouts), and was in line for a chance at the national champion, Johnny Sullivan.

A pair of 23-year-old Algerians, lightweight Seraphin Ferrer and featherweight Cherif Hamia, were the standout developments in France. Starting their ring careers late in 1953, they kept pace with each other in amazing fashion. With only one year's experience behind them, they became French champions in their fourteenth bouts, Ferrer taking the lightweight title by stopping Auguste Caulet in the thirteenth round and Hamia the featherweight laurels by blasting out Jacques Dumesnil in the tenth. Their spectacular achievements qualified both boys for No. 1 ratings as challengers for the European titles in their divisions.

An awkward but lusty-punching Italian heavyweight was another of Europe's main productions in 1954. After a not-too-exciting first year as a professional, Cavicchi started on a winning tour late in 1953 and in the next twelve months ran off seventeen straight, fourteen by knockouts. His top performance was to relieve experienced Uber Bacilieri of the Italian title.

A hop into international prominence was engineered during the year by Willie Toweel, latest member of the prolific South African clan to try his luck in the professional ring.

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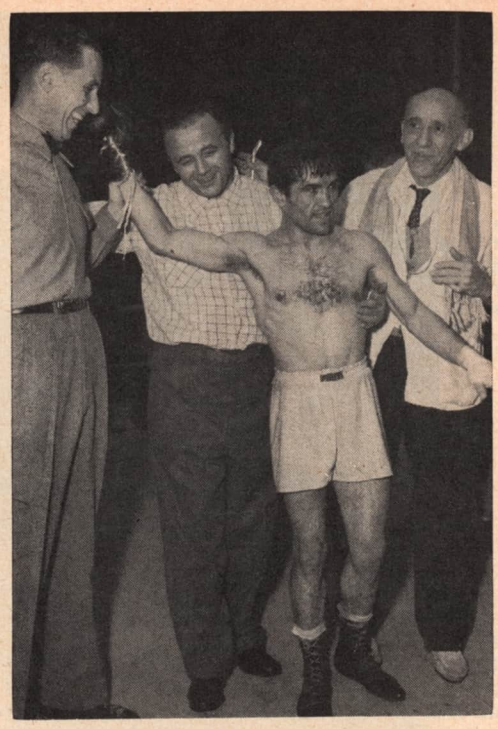
New Champ A Speed Demon

By F. N. Miike
Special from Tokyo, Japan

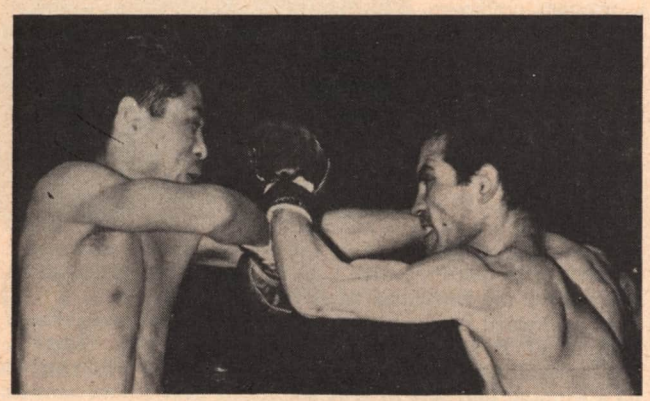


Pascual Perez, Argentina, immediately after winning a fifteen round decision and the flyweight title of the world from Yoshio Shirai of Japan. The referee was Major Sullivan of the U. S. Army.

THE only world championship crown the Japanese ever held—the flyweight title—was transferred to Argentina as a result of the defeat suffered by Yoshio Shira at the hands of Pascual Perez of Argentine Republic in the spacious Korakuen Stadium before a gathering of 15,000. They braved the brisk autumn air but left the ball park keenly disappointed at the failure of their title holder to retain his throne. Though the odds were strongly in favor of Shirai, as high as 1 to 4 at ringtime, there was little doubt after the ninth round in whose favor the verdict would go.

The Japanese fight fans have been accustomed to seeing speed and sharp hitting, since almost all of the best boxers in the Orient are members of that school, but they didn't think there was any one who could toss punches at such blinding speed as did the visitor. The bout was jammed with action, but the champion ran out of gas as the contest neared its end. During the final four rounds Shirai put up a feeble defense against the barrage of blows hurled his way by the boy with whom he had fought a draw several months ago in a non-title affair in Buenos Aires.

With only a handful of top flyweights performing around the world, it is likely that another Far Eastern little fighter, Leo Espinosa, who lost a disputed decision to Shirai in a championship match in Tokyo last May 23, will get an opportunity to bring the crown back to the Asiatic sector. Leo, like Shirai and Perez, is a whirlwind battler who is fast and an accurate puncher. He should be an excellent opponent for the new title holder, though according to Dr. Cahan, the American manager of Shiari, there is a



Pascual Perez (right) steps inside a left lead thrown by Yoshio Shirai and prepares to counter with his own right, in the early rounds of their title fight won by Perez.

Signing the agreement organizing the Oriental Boxing Federation which The Ring Editor *launched while on his recent world tour. Left to right: Alfredo Guidot of the Philippine Islands, Yachiyo Manabe of Japan and Porn Panitchpakdi of Thailand.*

contract calling for a return bout between Shirai and Perez within sixty days.

The bout, if it does take place, "in all probability," said Pascual's mentor, "will be staged in an open air arena, possibly the vast Rio River Stadium of Buenos Aires that seats 100,000. Our winter being summertime in Argentina, such a contest would draw a tremendous crowd and would be carried out as part of the Argentina Tourist program." However, the Newly reorganized Oriental Boxing Federation, like the World Boxing Championship Committee frowns on return bouts. There is talk here that Shirai, who is 31, may retire if the bout does not consummate.

Perez is willing to face either Shirai or Espinosa in the first title defense. He stated after the fight that he will leave that up to his manager but emphatically declared that Buenos Aires will be the scene of action.

"I won this bout for my country and for Gen. Peron. I won it for Argentine and shall give my people an opportunity to see me when I defend my crown for the first time," said Perez.

The victor, who scaled only 107¾ pounds to 111½ for his victim, is a lad packed with energy, stamina, power and courage. He lacks nothing that goes to make a good fighting man.

With the temperature only 48 degrees, he kept himself warm by going all out from the start and never engaging in a let-up until the final gong sounded. He is one of the smallest flyweights ever to box for the title. He gave away five inches to the champion and plenty of reach, yet hit the mark with regularity. Only a few of his punches missed.

Shirai admitted that he was whipped and had no excuses, but hoped he would receive the return bout which their contract called for. He declared that the cold affected his fighting some, but praised his opponent as a boxer of ability whose left hooks to the head had him stunned after the eleventh round.

Perez floored the champ with a vicious left uppercut in the twelfth round and thereafter, until the end, Shirai was battered about the ring with heavy attacks to the body that enabled the visitor to cut down the early lead of his rangy opponent.

At the suggestion of Nat Fleischer, Editor of "The Ring" who helped to organize the Oriental Boxing Federation, two neutral officials were chosen, one from Hawaii and the other from the U. S. Army. Major John Sullivan was selected as the referee and Bill Pachecho, member of the Hawaiian Boxing Board was one of the neutral judges.

Sullivan gave the fight to Perez, 146 to 139 points. Judge Pachecho had it for Perez, 143 to 139 and Judge Kuniharu Hayashi of Japan tabbed it for Perez, 146 to 134, thus giving the Argentinian the unanimous decision. Your correspondent had the score in favor of Perez, 142 to 139.

So fast moving was Perez, that Shirai remarked after the bout, "He moved so quickly, I couldn't focus my eyes on him in the late rounds. First he was here then there and his punches were effective. I aimed for the target but often couldn't find it. The unintentional butt I received, didn't aid my cause any."

According to many at the ringside, the turning point in the bout was that severe unintentional butt in the ninth round. Just before the bell, Shirai, moving forward, ran his mouth smack into the head of Perez and he gasped for breath. He grimaced and was so dazed, he had trouble going to his corner. He was never himself after that.

Behind on points and despite an eye cut, the tiny Argentinian flyweight, a real gamecock from the Pampas, suddenly came to life in the eleventh round and in the twelfth. He opened up after an exchange in the center of the ring and whipped in a combination of lefts and rights to the jaw that sent the Japanese sinking to the floor. Referee Sullivan ruled it a one count knockdown.

Sensing the kill and with his seconds yelling for him to end the bout by a knockout, Perez went all out after that. He sailed into Shirai and rained blows from all angles but the champion refused to go down and hung on desperately.

Shirai never recovered from that ceaseless attack that had him groggy and reeling.

The bout was both televised and on the radio. It was broadcast direct to Argentina where President Peron was a listener. Immediately after the fight, he sent a wire congratulating Perez.

Argentina's Ambassador to Japan, Carlos Quiros and Mrs. Quiros were with a host of dignitaries at the ringside. Beautiful Mrs. Perez, a red head, jumped into the ring to kiss and hug her husband when the bout was over.

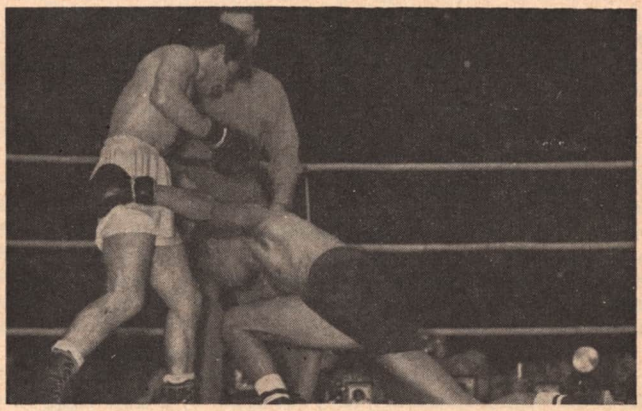
Thus ended a regime in Japan—the Yoshio Shirai Era. "Now for one to take his place."

Shirai, thirty-one years old, received his early training from Dr. Cahn who to this day, is teacher, manager and legal advisor of the Japanese boxer. They are like father and son. At Dr. Cahn's suggestion, Shirai bought a beautiful home where he, his wife and handsome daughter reside. He has many hobbies and is a well educated lad.

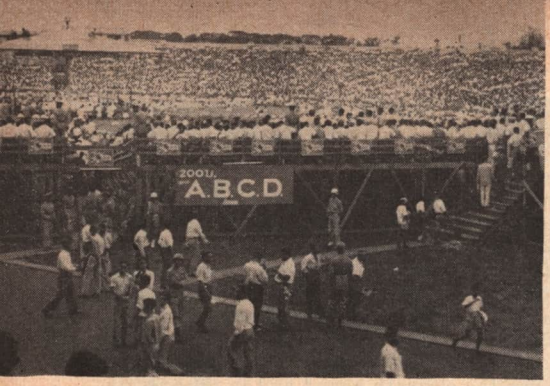
He won the title from Dado Marino in Honolulu, defended it successfully against Marino in a return bout, then defeated Terry Allen of England, Tanny Campo of the Philippines and Leo Espinoso of the the same country. He has been a fighting champion and his successor vowed after the bout here to follow in Shirai's footsteps.

"I will give Shirai a return bout as my contract stipulates. But I will fight anyone who is a contender and is recommended by "The Ring" magazine which was the first to name me as a world contender and for which I am grateful. Leo Espinosa and Campo and Dai Dower, the British champion, I'm told are the leading contenders. Well, each can have a chance to win the crown from me," said the newly crowned king to your correspondent. The local promoter is eager to get Perez to return to Tokyo.

Pascual Perez, newly crowned flyweight champion of the world, (far right) shows cup with which he was presented in Japan to his manager, Lozaro Koci and left Bernardo Duggan, Argentina Consult General in San Francisco and Mrs. Duggan.



Here we see Perez flooring Shirai in the twelfth round of their championship bout in Tokyo. Perez cinched the decision by his storming finish which left no doubt in the minds of the onlookers as to who was the winner.



A camera shot of National Stadium in Bangkok, with part of the record-breaking crowd of nearly 70,000 which saw the Robert Cohen-Chamrern Songkitrat battle for vacant world bantamweight championship.

By JERSEY JONES

TOURING THE WORLD

CHECKING back over happenings in the world sock market during the past twelve months, two developments stand out as highlights in an otherwise uninspiring year. Those developments were:

A. The sensational rise of boxing in Thailand.

B. South America finally getting its first world champion.

Aside from these two events, 1954 hardly qualified as one of the more notable years in international activity. Taken by and large, global competition could have been worse, and it also could have been better. Major fights were not too abundant, and for the most part the year could best be described as "ordinary." Operations continued at a fairly normal pace, with promoters doing the best they could with what material they had. Boxing slumped in some sections, improved in others, and held its own in most.

As in the United States, the main problem confronting promoters in Britain, Europe, Australia and other established centers of major ring activity was a continuing decline in top talent and big-time attractions. An encouraging feature, however, was the progress of an unusually fine crop of promising youngsters to help stimulate the waning interest of the paying populace.

Spectacular happenings in Thailand easily earned the year's main headlines. The sport was comparatively new there, and "novelty" unquestionably had much to do with its exciting progress. The rise of a young native police lieutenant, Chamrern Songkitrat, and his bid for a world title, developed something akin to national hysteria, and all previous marks for bantamweight bouts were shattered by two cards featuring Songkitrat in championship matches in Bangkok. The first one, in which Chamrern lost by a slim margin to Jimmy Carruthers, attracted a capacity crowd of 59,760 to the National Stadium. After Carruthers, returning to Australia, announced his retirement from the ring, the No. 1 contender, Robert Cohen of France, was brought to Bangkok to meet Songkitrat for the vacant laurels.

By increasing the capacity of the vast stadium, the Thai government, sponsoring the show, packed in 69,962 for the bout. Again Chamrern lost, but again by a close margin.

ALTHOUGH disappointed by Songkitrat's two failures to annex the world bantam title, Thailanders displayed no appreciable slackening of their newly-developed enthusiasm for boxing. They turned their attention to their second best fighter, welterweight Somdez Yongtrakit. By way of proving the tremendous gates drawn by Chamrern's bouts with Carruthers and Cohen were not just "freak" happenings, Yongtrakit was matched with an imported Frenchman, the ringworn veteran Emmanuel (Titi) Clavel.

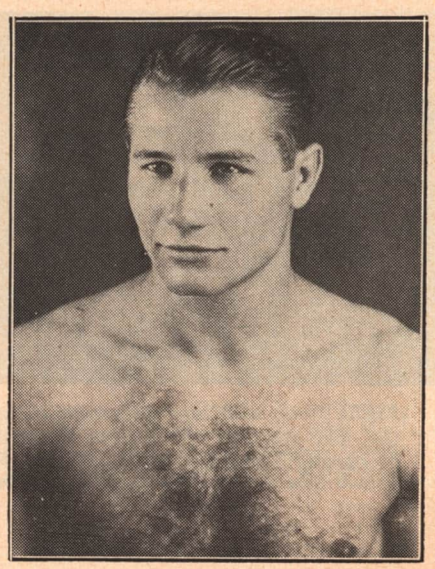
The bout meant nothing beyond the Thai borders, and had no bearing on world ratings, yet 49,980 excited natives crowded into National Stadium to see it.

Somdez, knocked down in the first round, was winner when a nasty gash on Clavel's forehead resulted in the bout being stopped in the third.

Translated into American currency, Bangkok's three big shows, attracting nearly 180,000 paid admissions, grossed approximately $500,000 in receipts.

Next to the amazing happenings in Thailand, the most important development of the international scene in 1954 was Pascual Perez's stunning victory over Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo. By winning, the tiny Argentino not only gathered unto himself the flyweight title, but gave South America its first world champion.

For more than three busy decades, since the advent of Luis Angel Firpo, our sister continent had been striving earnestly for a *campeon del mundo*, and through the years had come up with many a good fighter, but none quite good enough to scale the titular heights. Argentina and Chile had



Tiberio Mitri, who won and lost in two brief, sensational battles for European middleweight title. After knocking out Randy Turpin in one round, the Italian was demolished by Charley Humez in three.

made the strongest bids with the likes of Firpo, Luis Vicentini, Stanislaus Loayza, Vittorio Campolo, Alberto Lovell, Justo Suarez and Arturo Godoy.

Until Perez whipped Shirai, South America had been the only continent unable to boast of having produced a world champion.

NOT much of major international importance was reported anywhere else in the world during the past twelve months. For the most part, ring activity moved along at a fairly steady pace, but developments beyond the ordinary were comparatively few.

Britain, which bemoaned a discouraging year in 1953, had no better luck in 1954. A scarcity of good attractions, plus the high amusement tax, made promoting a precarious venture, and it is doubtful if more than a couple of clubs showed a substantial profit at the end of the year.

London, of course, was the main base of British operations. The nation's leading promoter, Jack Solomons, presented his usual quota of shows in the Harringay, White City and Earl's Court arenas, and other promoters in London helped to keep the action moving along with occasional cards. Outside the capital, the leading British centers of activity were Liverpool, Preston and Belfast, which operated on regular schedules, and Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Birmingham and Cardiff, which functioned on a now-and-then basis with "spot" offerings.

Britain's leading contender for a world title, heavyweight Don Cockell, wasn't too active during the year. Don's output was limited to four bouts—two in England, where he decisioned Roland LaStarza and Harry Matthews; one in South Africa, where he whipped Johnny Arthur, and one in the United States (Seattle), where he terminated his series with Matthews.

The outstanding native development of the year was Dai Dower, 21-year-old Welsh flyweight, who featured a spectacular campaign by flattening the veteran British champion, Terry Allen, and taking the Empire title from Jake Tuli, the Zulu.

Next to Cockell and Dower, the leading British attractions were middleweights Johnny Sullivan, Les Allen and Pat McAteer, welterweight Wally Thom, and featherweights Sammy McCarthy and Billy (Spider) Kelly.

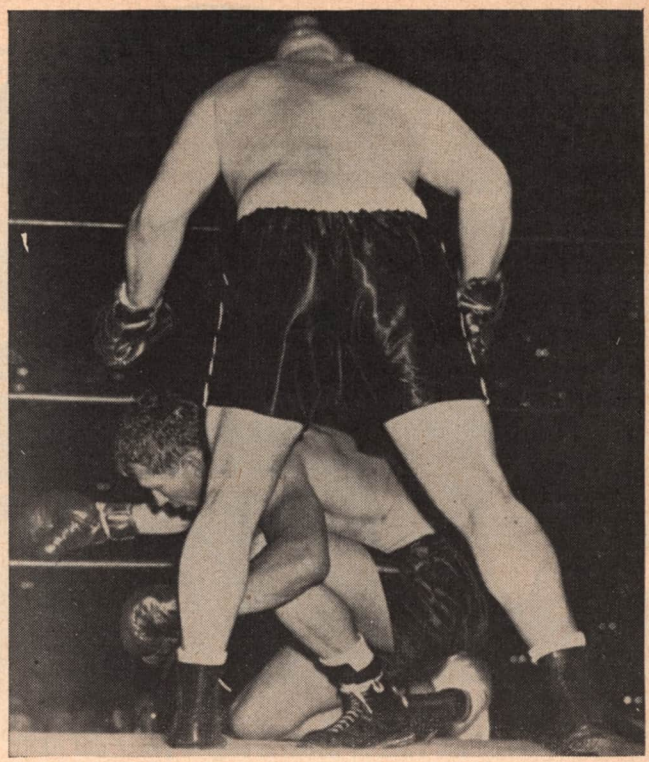
THE top Continental news event of 1954 was Robert Cohen's acquisition of the world bantamweight title. Cohen had to travel half-way around the globe to complete a spectacular "grand slam" in his fourth year of professional leather-tossing. Within a busy stretch of ten months, the rugged little Algerian slugged his way to the French title, the European laurels and the world championship.

Next to Cohen, probably the outstanding event of the year in Europe was the impressive "comeback" of another Frenchman, middleweight Charley Humez.

A disappointing campaign in 1953 had apparently signified the passing of Humez as an international headliner and world title contender. But Charley, with the advent of 1954, seemed to take another lease on fistic life. In putting together a string of nine straight wins, he grabbed the the vacant French title by beating Claude Milazzo in Paris, and the European laurels by demolishing Tiberio Mitri in sensational fashion in Milan.

Mitri, the Italian veteran, enjoyed a brief, though spectacular, return to the international spotlight. Early in the summer he scored a startling one-round knockout over the Englishman, Randy Turpin, in Rome. For five months Tiberio reigned as Europe's No. 1 middleweight, and was being ballyhooed for a world title match. Then along came Humez, and Mitri's collapse was as sudden and stunning as had been his rise.

Discussing European titles, the only one that didn't swap owners at some time or another during 1954 was the heavyweight. Heinz Neuhaus, the German who held the championship when the year started, was still holding it when the year ended. A scarcity of opponents limited Heinz's schedule to five bouts, all in Germany. In his only title defense, he disposed of the Austrian challenger, Kurt Schiegl. In other bouts, all international affairs Heinz beat Piet Wilde, Elgardo Romero and Dan Bucceroni but was held to a surprising draw by Rex Layne.



Britain's leading world title contender, roly-poly Don Cockell, is seen ending his series with Harry Matthews by knocking out the American veteran in Seattle.

WITH more fighters and fight clubs than any nation in Europe, France continued to be the liveliest boxing spot on the Continent. Paris, of course, was the center of activity, with several clubs operating regularly, but other busy burgs were Marseilles, Laon, Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Annecy and St. Nazaire, and the leading attractions, besides Cohen and Humez, included middleweight Claude Milazzo, lightweight Seraphin Ferrer, featherweights Ray Famechon and Cherif Hamia, and bantamweight Hilaire Pratesi.

Next to France, the busiest lands were Germany and Italy. Deutschland's best fighters, aside from Neuhaus, were light-heavyweights Gerhard Hecht and Willi Hoepner, and middleweights Hans Stretz and Gustav Scholz. The most active cities were Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Dortmund, Frankfurt and Cologne.

Although several of their top ringmen left during the year for campaigns in Australia, it had no appreciable effect on boxing's popularity and industry among the Italians. There was plenty of action throughout the nation. Milan and Rome were the "big" spots, but shows were staged regularly in Florence, Naples, LaSpezia, Turin, Bologna, Bari, Parma, Trieste and Genoa, as well as in the Sardinian communities of Cagliari and Sassari.

Rated Italy's best fighter, pound for pound, Duilio Loi annexed both the national and European titles during the year, then joined the exodus for Australia. Other leading Italians who made the jaunt Down Under included welterweight Luigi Coluzzi, lightweight Bruno Visintin, featherweight Sergio Milan and bantamweights Mario D'Agata and Gianni Zuddas.

But Italy had enough other popular homebreds to keep things moving. Among them were heavyweight Franco Cavicchi, middleweights Bruno Tripodi and Franco Festucci, and featherweight Altidoro Polidori.

WITH the retirement of its outstanding attraction, lightweight Jorgen Johansen, boxing practically halted in Denmark, and became all but extinct as a major enterprise throughout Scandinavia. Among the lot of them, there probably weren't a dozen shows staged all year in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

Boxing also slumped in Belgium with the retirement of heavyweight Karel Sys, the decline of featherweight Jean

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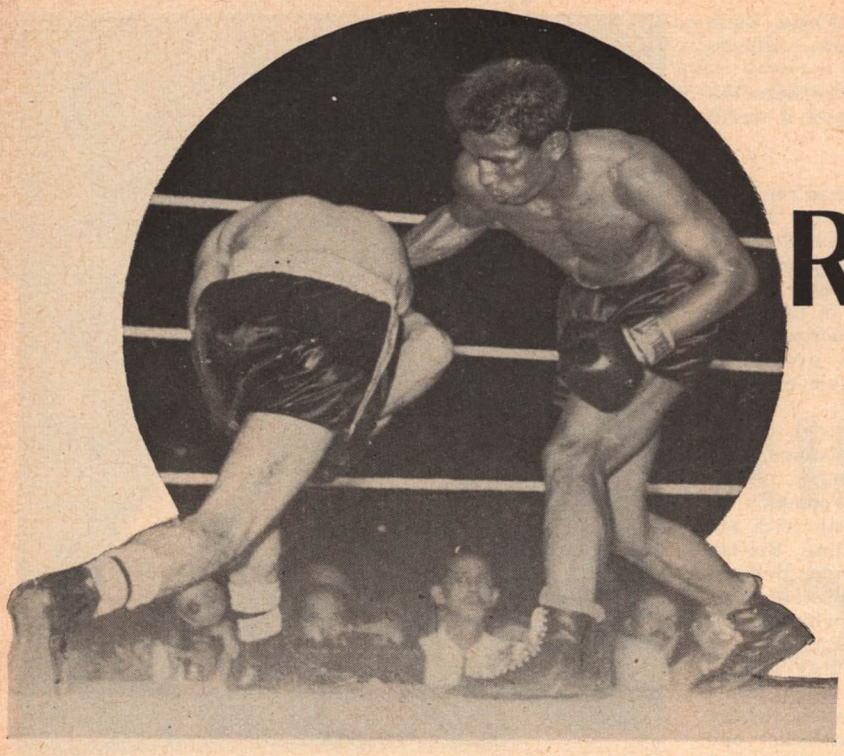


TV REVENUES ARE VITAL

By NAT LOUBET

Robert Cohen fought Chamrern Songkitrat at Bangkok, Thailand, before 69,819, the largest group to witness a fight anywhere in the world during 1954.

Only Marciano's fights and Olson-Gavilan had big gates.—

GROSS receipts of outstanding bouts of 1954 stress the extent to which boxing was dependent on television. World heavyweight championship bouts didn't suffer as much as did other title contests, because in these home TV was banned. Theatre television took its place and added to the income.

The three largest gates of 1954 were the two championship contests in New York in which Rocky Marciano fought Ezzard Charles and the Olson-Gavilan bout in Chicago. These, with thirty and forty dollar tops, went over the $300,000 net while every other top bout in America grossed less than half that sum.

The answer? In those as in almost all other cases where TV was used, the attendance and accompanying receipts fell far below what was grossed during normal years without television.

The largest gate of the year was that in the Marciano-Charles bout at the Yankee Stadium on June 17. Without TV and radio money it grossed $543,092.24, commensurate with the best of recent years. The attendance for that show was 47,585 and for his efforts in defeating Charles in 15 rounds, Rocky had a home pay of $200,586.89, with TV and radio amounting to $247,136.89 extra.

His fight with Charles on September 17, gave to boxing its second largest gate of the year, $352,654.00 and then came the Olson-Gavilan contest with $334,730.00.

The surprise of the year was furnished in Thailand, where two championship bouts in the bantamweight division netted a gross of $217,000 and $200,952.24 respectively, and a ten-rounder non-championship mill grossed the huge amount of $151,000. In the championship affairs Jimmy Carruthers won from Chamrern Songkitrat in 12 rounds and Songkitrat lost in 15 to Robert Cohen of France in the second bout.

In the non-title welterweight scrap bout Somdrez Yongtrakit stopped Titi Clavel of France in the third round.

These three bouts in Bangkok grossed more money than did all of the contests for the entire year in Madison Square Garden. More money was taken in at the gate for the Thailand mills than for the Olson-Castellani title bout in San Francisco; the Carter-DeMarco world lightweight title bout in the same arena; the Martinez-Aragon match in Los Angeles; the Macias-Brooks contest in Mexico City; the Shirai-Espinosa bout in Tokyo and the Cockell-Matthews battle in London.

Bangkok, in Thailand, holds the year's attendance record with 69,819 persons on hand for the Cohen-Songkitrat title match on September 19. Next comes the Macias-Brooks match with 60,124 with the Caruthers-Songkitrat mill on May 2, close behind with 59,972 to witness it.

Which goes to prove the interest in boxing in foreign lands is greater than it is in America, in so far as paying spectators are concerned. In England, France, Mexico, Japan and Thailand, more people paid to see boxing matches than they did in America where the bulk of the spectators are the home television viewers.

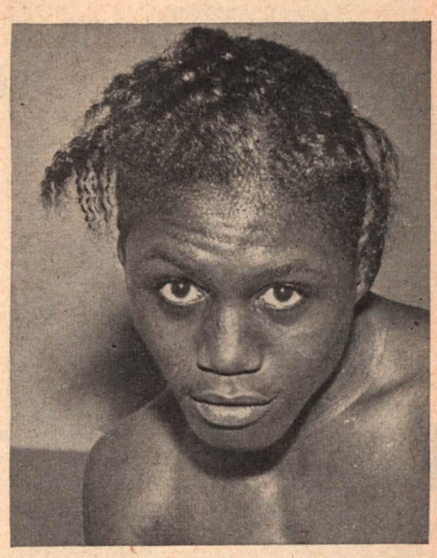
Not since 1927 were so many championship matches booked as during the past twelve months. Ten title bouts were staged in this country and four abroad and of these, Jim Norris's International Boxing Club, in conjunction with outside promoters in several cities, staged all on this side of the Atlantic. The I.B.C., with its control of the contracts of every title holder except Jimmy Carruthers and Yoshio Shiria, booked championship matches in the lightweight, welter, middle, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions. The fact that Sandy Saddler, king of the feathers, had been in the army and was granted six months grace, kept Sandy from protecting his crown for the I.B.C.

During the year Marciano defended his heavyweight laurels successfully twice. Archie Moore did the same in the light heavyweight ranks, defeating Joey Maxim and stopping Harold Johnson. Bobo Olson defended his middleweight diadem three times. He whipped Rocky Castellani, Kid Gavilan and Pierre Langlois. He was the most active title holder.

In the welter class, Kid Gavilan failed to retain his crown, losing a much disputed decision to Johnny Saxton. In the lightweight class Jimmy Carter lost his championship to Paddy De Marco in fifteen rounds in New York, then regained it from Paddy in San Francisco in fifteen rounds, the first in boxing history to win the same crown three

Jimmy Carter regained his lightweight title from Paddy DeMarco, becoming the first man in pugilistic history to hold the same title three times.

Johnny Saxton became the welterweight champ when he defeated Kid Gavilan at Philadelphia, Pa., in a bout which established no records other than the number of people who disagreed with the official decision.



times. He took it from Ike Williams, lost it to Lauro Salas, won it back from him; lost it to De Marco and regained it from him.

In the bantam class Carruthers successfully defended his title against Songkitrat, then retired and Cohen defeated Songkitrat for the vacant title and has been universally recognized.

Yoshio Shirai defended the flyweight title against Leo Espinosa and again against Pascuel Perez with whom he had fought a ten round draw in Buenos Aires in a non-championship contest.

Thus the championship activity extended from flyweight through heavyweight class and from one part of the world clear across the world with the greatest promotional activity centering around the International Boxing Club. Every championship contest in the North and South American continents was held under the auspices of the Norris organization.

Eighteen years ago the fistic world was astounded by the number of title bouts staged.

A total of fifteen bouts was staged in which championships, either those universally recognized or a few in which there was a dispute, took place.

If we take into consideration the four defenses made by Freddie Steele, who was recognized as world middleweight king in New York but not by the NBA, then that year was the record one for title contests. In 1954, however, when fourteen were staged, every title bout was universally recognized as such and because of that, the past twelve months will go down a record year for title defenses in which not a crown was in dispute.

In the heavyweight division in 1937 Joe Louis twice went to the barrier, beating Jimmy Braddock for the title and then successfully defending it against Tommy Farr.

John Henry Lewis beat Bob Olin in a light heavyweight championship match.

Fred Apostoli faced Marcel Thil and though both scaled under the class limit, they were boxing, under edict of General Phelan, New York State Commission chairman, in a "non-title bout".

Barney Ross fought Ceferino Garcia, also in the middleweight division.

Lou Ambers and Pedro Montanez engaged in a lightweight championship match.

Freddie Miller fought Petey Sarron in a featherweight contest in Johnannesburg and then Sarron engaged in a contest with Henry Armstrong which enabled Homicide Hank to win the world's featherweight crown in the first championship match that Mike Jacobs promoted in Madison Square Garden.

Sito Escobar and Harry Jeffra fought for the bantamweight crown while Benny Lynch tackled Small Montana and followed that with another contest against Peter Kane for the flyweight title.

LARGEST GATE OF 1954

ROCKY MARCIANO VS EZZARD CHARLES, June 17th, at Yankee Stadium, New York City, N. Y. $543,092.24

LARGEST PURSE OF 1954

Marciano's purse ... $200,586.89 plus TV and Radio ... $247,136.89

SIX LARGEST GATES OF 1954

1. Marciano vs Charles, June 17th, Yankee Stadium, New York City, N. Y. $543,092.24
2. Marciano vs Charles, Sept. 17th, Yankee Stadium, New York City, N. Y. 352,654.00
3. Olson vs Gavilan, Apr. 4th, Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill. 334,730.00
4. Carruthers vs Songkitrat, May 2nd, Bangkok, Thailand 217,000.00
5. Cohen vs Songkitrat, Sept. 19th, Bangkok, Thailand 200,952.24
6. Yongtrakit vs Clavel, Oct. 11, Bangkok 152,000.00
7. Martinez vs Aragon, July 1st, Gilmore Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif. 130,262.00
8. Olson vs Castellani, Aug. 20th, San Francisco, Calif. (Cow Palace) 121,470.00

SIX LARGEST ATTENDANCE OF 1954

1. Cohen vs Songkitrat, Sept. 19th, Bangkok, Thailand ... 69,819
2. Macias vs Brooks, Sept. 26th, Mexico City, Mexico 60,124
3. Carruthers vs Songkitrat, May 2nd, Bangkok, Thailand. 59,972
4. Marciano vs Charles, June 17th, New York City, N. Y. ... 47,585
5. Shirai vs Espinosa, May 23rd, Tokyo, Japan 35,149
6. Cockell vs Matthews, June 1, London, England 35,067

NEW CHAMPIONS IN 1954

WELTERWEIGHT—Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn, N. Y. Won title by winning unanimous 15 round decision over Kid Gavilan at Philadelphia, Pa. on Oct. 20th.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn, N. Y. Won title by winning unanimous 15 round decision over Jimmy Carter at New York, N. Y. on March 5th.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Jimmy Carter regained title by knocking out Paddy DeMarco in 0.14 of the 15th round at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 17th.

BANTAMWEIGHT—Robert Cohen of French Algeria. Won title by winning a split decision 15 round bout over Chamrern Songkitrat at Bangkok, Thailand on Sept. 19th.

FLYWEIGHT—Pascual Perez of Argentina. Won the title by outpointing Yoshio Shirai on a unanimous 15 round decision at Tokyo, Japan, on Nov. 25th.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Philadelphia Continues In Headlines

Oriental Boxing Federation Organized

Boxing Loses Sportsman In McMahon

PHILADELPHIA continues to make the headlines in boxing stories. First came the international rumpus when Kid Gavilan lost his championship to Johnny Saxton. Next came an extended report from Commissioner Wiener on proposed regulations for the betterment of the sport. And on the night when Gil Turner halted Charley Scott in the eighth round, bottle tossing from the gallery gave a new slant on Quakertown sportsmanship.

We were under the impression that bottle throwing had seen its last days when on the night of the Pedro Montanez bout with Leonard del Genio, in Madison Square Garden back in 1936, ringside spectators including Eddie Neil of the Associated Press for whom the Ed Neil trophy is awarded annually by the Boxing Writers' Association, received injuries from flying glass.

The revival of this pastime at a time when the clamor for Federal Control and even the suspension for several years are clotting newspapers and magazines, strengthens the position of boxing's antagonists and we hope that such hoodlum tactics will receive the proper attention from both the police authorities and those who control the sport in the various states.

As for Chairman Wiener's sudden rise as an exponent of clean boxing, it seems strange that the gentleman who ruled the sport in Pennsylvania from 1926 to 1932 has done nothing in his own state to date to clean boxing from the control of unsavory characters, considering the fact that when he appeared before the Kefauver Senate Crime Commission in 1951, prior to his reappointment as a commissioner, he told the Crime Board that if given the opportunity by the Governor he could readily clear the field "of this racketeering business." Here are his words before that Crime Commission:

"If I were still on the Pennsylvania Commission (which he now is), I would call the Governor and say to him, here Governor, you give me orders to throw out these racketeers from boxing before somebody says that you are in back of them. I would say, I don't want Palermo and that type of fellow having licenses in Pennsylvania and I want to get rid of them and that I would gladly do."

Has he followed that procedure now that he heads the Penn Board again? No he has forgotten his testimony before the Kefauver Crime Commission.

I WAS under the impression that Prize Fights went out with the Sullivan-Corbett battle when glove contests took the place of the vicious bare knuckle and skin tight gloves mills. But in some parts of the country I was surprised to learn, the city and state moguls have kept the anti-prize fight laws on the books and the hoosegow awaits those who attempt to violate the statute.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, a bout was arranged between Pappy Gault and Billy Short, but before the contest could be staged, a fire upset the plans of promoter Smith and he was forced to seek quarters other than the local armory. He moved the card to the Radio Center, a building situated outside the city limits. And there's the rub.

County Chief of Police Stanhope Lineberry notified him that it is a felony to hold professional boxing in Mecklenburg County where the Center is located and that he would place under arrest promoter, managers, fighters and anyone connected with the show if an attempt were made to stage it.

It seems that in North Carolina as in several other states, local option is the means for legalizing boxing and that though it is legal to stage a show in Charlotte, it is illegal to do so just beyond its limits. The penalty, according to this 60 years old law is a fine of not less than $500 or jail for not more than five years.

Thus the show had to be cancelled because of an antiquated law that was passed in 1895. In 97 out of 100 North Carolina Counties, pro boxing is illegal but Golden Gloves and other amateur bouts are permitted. Now that the law has come to the attention of State legislators, a movement has been started to have pro boxing legalized either in the entire state or through local option in the various counties. Here is the antiquated statute:

Chapter 14, Section 271 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The law reads:

"If any two or more persons engage in a prize fight, sparring match or glove or fist contest for money or other valuable prize or stake; or if any person bet or lay a wager on the result thereof or advise, aid or abet in any way whatever in promoting the same, he shall be fined not less than $500, or imprisoned in the State's prison or jail for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both in the discretion of the Court."

BOXING has become so strong in the Far East, that protective measures against the influx of fly-by-night promoters and managers have been taken through the organization of the "Oriental Boxing Federation" with Thailand, Japan and the Philippine Islands, members. Chairman of the Philippine Islands commission Manuel Nieto, Jr., has been elected President and will serve for one year. Hunade Tanada, chairman of the Japanese commission, and General Pichai Kullavanijaya of Thailand, are the other members who constitute the directorate.

Though these three countries do not have as many boxers as are to be found in other parts of the world where the sport has flourished for many years, the Far East boasts of a corps of boys in the lower divisions who are as good as any of the top talent in our country or in Europe. Some of the largest gatherings at fights during the past year were in the Far East and with the growth of the sport and the keen interest aroused, the Oriental Boxing Federation is ready to join hands with other world commissions for the betterment of the game.

It was at my suggestion, while on my last world tour, that the Federation was organized. In fact, it was launched while I was in Japan. It is the aim of the Federation to have a working agreement with the New York Commission, the National Boxing Association, the European Boxing Union and the British Boxing Board of Control, and Chairman Naito, Jr., will apply also for representation on the world championship committee.

With the organization of the Oriental Boxing Federation only South Africa and Australia stand without an organized boxing body. While in Manila, I was given to understand that an effort would be made to have Singapore and Australia join the Oriental Federation to complete the circuit in that part of the world.

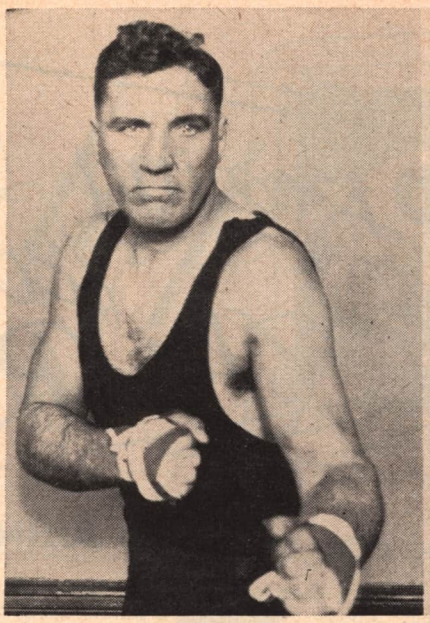
DEATH of Jess McMahon, at the age of 72, took from the ranks of boxing and wrestling promoters a man whom they could ill afford to lose.

Jess was an earnest, honest operator who ever was militant for the best interests of sport.

He was one of the organizers of the National Sports Alliance, and for many years its treasurer. In this capacity, he gave freely of his time and effort. The Alliance is a charitable organization which, but for Jess and the late Jimmy Johnston, would not have survived.

McMahon's influence on sport was not confined to boxing and wrestling. He performed a tremendous service to baseball, as well, as he managed the famous Lincoln Giants, one of the early Negro teams of spectacular skill and achievement.

Jess organized the Lincoln Giants, with which the writer was affiliated and through them, and their Sunday games at Olympic Field in New York, paved the way for the recognition of the Negro ball player, and the social revolution on the diamond which brought Jackie Robinson to the Dodgers in 1947. The first major leaguers to play Sunday baseball against a semi-or Negro team, were signed by McMahon. Such stars as Rube Marquard, Christy Mathewson, Fred Snodgress, Fred Merkle, Chief Bender, Andy Coakley, Larry Doyle among many others were granted permission to play at Olympic Field following the completion of the world series.



Jess Willard as he looked when he fought Jack Johnson and won the world heavyweight title and as he is to-day. He is retired and lives in La Crescenta, California

McMahon first attracted attention among boxing followers when he was conducting the Olympic Skating Rink, from 1905-1911. At the same time, Jess was running fight shows at the Empire A. C. in Manhattan Casino. It was at the Empire that the famous Leach Cross-Joe Rivers lightweight battle was held, a contest that set an attendance record for the time, no less than 16,000 persons crowding into every inch of space available to witness what was then, and would be today, one of the most stirring battles in the division.

Business picking up, Jess and his brother Eddie took over the St. Nicholas Rink. It was for the Rink that Jess paid a visit to the Boxing Commission with a request to stage a heavyweight bout between Jack Johnson, then world's champion, and Joe Jeannette, who, like Johnson, was at the top of his form.

This was in 1912, when Johnson's shadow was in the public eye more through his gay carousing than his activities in the squared circle. The fight solons promptly ordered thumbs down on the affair.

McMahon introduced New Yorkers to staging short fights, at least of shorter duration than the 20 and 25-round affairs to which they had been accustomed.

At the Rink he put on a card of three ten-rounders, one of these being the great Johnny Dundee-Young Wagner encounter that drew a gate of $8,200, with each of the main event principals receiving ten per cent, except Wagner. "And if you don't think that was a lot of money in those days, ask Dundee how he felt when he got his $820?"

Dick Curley was Wagner's manager at the time of the fight with Dundee, and when the time came to settle on the money end for the bout, prior to signing contracts for the match, Curley held out for a guarantee, believing that no house could go eight "grand" at any time.

McMahon guaranteed Wagner a flat $500, "and what Curley didn't have to say when he learned what he lost by taking the guarantee is hardly worth mentioning," was McMahon's comment.

The Empire A. C. was moved up to 107th Street and Park Avenue, where the Star Casino and Uptown Lenox Club has been operating in late years. Until the Frawley Law went into effect Jess arranged the cards. It was at this club, in 1914, that Young Brown, then only a newcomer in the lightweight division, scored a knockdown over Benny Leonard, whose sun was rising.

Up to the time of the institution of the Walker Law, McMahon had never had a written contract with any fighter or manager. Everything was verbal with Jess.

When the Walker Law came into being, on May 14, 1921, there was a wild scramble among the promoters to locate clubs. Lew Raymond secured the Commonwealth. The club would not pay. Chubby little Tom McArdle of Queensboro A. C. fame, then tried his hand. After several shows McArdle left the key under the doormat.

Then Jess, with Eddie, and Gus Amos, appeared in August, 1921. He made $100 clear on the first one, "and we made money on every show after that, running year in and year out, summer and winter, rain or shine."

THE extent to which television has made inroads on boxing, is further exemplified by the request of the California referees for a pay boost. Joined by fight judges, the ring arbiters have appealed to the State Athletic Commission to raise the rates that promoters must pay to those who officiate at boxing shows that are nationally televised. They have pointed out that though the television receipts have fattened the gross for promoters, television has flattened their take for each show.

For many years the officials have been paid according to the size of the gate, but, though the State collects its share of television money, those receipts are not figured as part of the gate. Since the gates have been reduced according to official figures from $4,000 houses to $500 and sometimes less, the referees' take home pay has dwindled to the price of ham and eggs. The current fee is $25 for a referee if the house has a gross of $2500 and $40 if it tops that sum. Judges received only $10 regardless of the gross.

Now the officials are asking the Boxing Commission to rule $40 the minimum and $100 for all televised championship shows.

BIG JESS WILLARD, the tallest pugilist to hold a world title, came out of hibernation a few weeks ago to defend the sport in which he won fame and fortune. The 6 feet 6½ inches giant who is living in retirement in La Crescenta, California, is of the opinion that boxing is a good sport if properly handled by those who are responsible for its safety and guidance. If he had his way, said Jess, he would see that the boys receive encouragement to follow boxing.

"Who says the youngsters of to-day cannot fight," he asked. "What I accomplished when I was 39, when I won the world championship, can be accomplished by others who take time out to train and do their chores seriously. Juvenile delinquency can be eradicated by the use of more playgrounds and encouragement given to boys to indulge in various forms of athletics. Boxing is a great sport and I definitely recommend it for boys" concluded the 73 years old former world champ.

Boxing Direct from The RING's —

By JOHNNY SALAK

TELEVISION, as it has for the past several years, dominated the fighting picture. And in the wake of numerous hearings, charges and counter-charges, it was said that video started more fights than were scheduled for the consumption of fans on their TV sets over the four major networks.

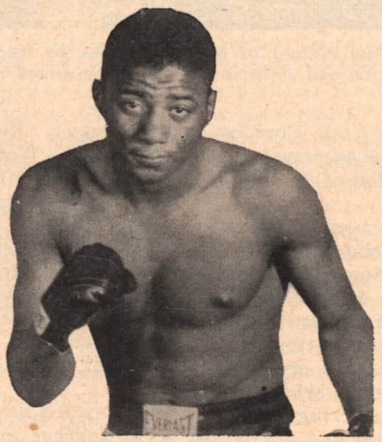
It all began early in the year when a break came between the Eastern Parkway Arena promoters and the DuMont TV Network over what monies had and hadn't been paid for the television rights to the fights and the distribution of same.

After the smoke of battle had cleared the Eastern Parkway bouts had been shifted to the American Broadcasting Company's television network and DuMont, anxious to hold the precious Monday night fight audience it had help to build, began telecasting bouts from the St. Nicholas Arena.

In an effort to corner the Monday night living-room fans, the two networks and two promotions went all out to get the best talent available and some fine bouts were staged in both arenas. It was often a difficult task to make up one's mind which fight to tune in on but soon the fickle fans, not showing an ounce of allegiance to the sponsors, went back to channel hopping (the craze in early TV days), manuevering deftly and quickly. The fight that was producing more action held their attention for three minutes until the gong sounded to signal the entrance of a commercial and the end of a round, whereupon the Big Switch came and the viewer was in on the fistic doings on the other network.

It made scoring for the fans a bit difficult and at times they must have thought there were six guys in the ring but they were happy. In fact, some of them were getting punch-happy. About the only ones suffering at this time were the sponsors whose commercials all but went for naught.

Later in the year a real hassle developed when the Metropolitan Boxing Association and the Boxing Managers Guild of New York tangled, the former claiming that their fighters had been



Floyd Patterson, 1952 Olympic champion and a leading light heavyweight contender, made most TV appearances during 1954, being seen in nine of his ten bouts.

"frozen" out of main events in New York arenas, and the charge made that "voluntary" contributions of $100 for each main event television performer was anything but given of free will and was a "must." The New York Managers Guild, over two years, was supposed to have collected some $75,000 in this manner.

After several fines and a lesser number of licenses revoked and seemingly everyone beating their head against a stone wall—or trying to do just that to the opposition—a shrewd sanity prevailed, a pipe of peace was smoked and the differences ostensibly vanished into thin air. But, as the man said, where there's smoke someone will eventually get their fingers burned.

TO get away from the televised *price* fights and get into the *prize* fights, several steps in the right direction were taken during the year to limit the number of nationally telecast boxing matches. There just aren't enough good fighters to feed five video shows a week—shows that warrant being televised, that is.

The Pabst Wednesday night fight series, over CBS-TV, in September switched from a weekly basis to a three out of every four week schedule, with the fourth show of the month being an extravaganza, "The Best of Broadway," sponsored by another outfit. This slightly eases the tension of trying to get top-flight fighters for their boxing shows, while also enabling them to spend more money in that direction.

Saturday Night Fights, over ABC-TV, also cut down on the number of professional boxing shows they were televising with the inauguration of the "Champs of Tomorrow" amateur series in July, videoed every other Saturday night, and ending up the year with three consecutive simon-pure shows. However, for 1955 they are going back to televising only professional bouts.

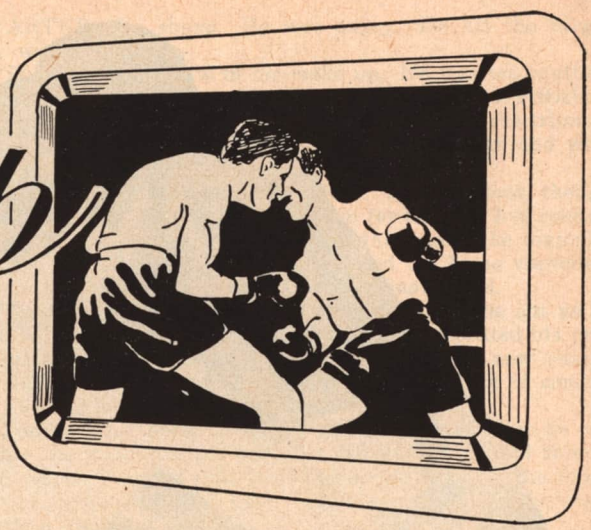
Theatre-TV grabbed off the two big fights of the year, both defenses of the heavyweight crown by champion Rocky Marciano, as he won a fifteen rounds decision from Ezzard Charles and then kayoed him in eight rounds. TNT reported record grosses for both fights and though, as usual, there was the difficulty of sound and picture failing at a number of theatres, on the whole the quality of the closed-circuit telecasts into the theatres was good.

The June 17 fight, which grossed $543,093 and had a paid attendance of 47,585 was screened into sixty-one theatres in forty-five cities, doing about $400,000 worth of business in the movie houses. The return to the fight promoters from this end was $124,875.

The largest ever closed-circuit telecast was in on the return, on September 17, when seventy theatres in fifty cities picked up the telecast of the fight. At the Yankee Stadium the bout drew a gross of $352,654 from a paid attendance of 34,330. The theatres did about $500,000 business with a return of about $135,000 to the promoters. The fighters shared in the theatre-TV revenue from both these fights.

TELEVISION revenue from the five major network shows a week, plus the locally screened weekly programs in Los Angeles, Hollywood and Detroit, came to a record high of $5,500,000 for 1954, while actual receipts from paid attendance at all professional boxing shows in the United States for the year

T.V. Roundup



just closed was approximately $5,000,000. The previous year, TV contributed $5,250,000 to boxing while in 1952 the figure was about $4,800,000.

It was the third straight year that revenue from televised shows was more than gross receipts of paid attendance for all professional shows.

All ten of the world championship fights held in the United States during 1954 were televised, eight on the home-free TV and the two Rocky Marciano defenses on closed-circuit theatre-TV. Archie Moore's two title bouts, with Joey Maxim and Harold Johnson, were screened, as well as the middleweight title defenses of Bobo Olson against Kid Gavilan, Rocky Castellani and Pierre Langlois, Gavilan's loss of his welterweight title to Johnny Saxton, and Jimmy Carter's loss of the lightweight crown to Paddy DeMarco and his regaining it. In addition, the North American bantamweight title bout between Nate Brooks and Billy Peacock was screened.

There were four world championship events held outside of the United States during the year, two of them being televised. On Japanese screens Yoshio Shirai successfully defended the world flyweight title against Leo Espinosa and then lost the title to Pascual Perez.

TWO fights were important enough to command $100,000 each for the television rights during 1954, far below the record of $300,000 paid out for the Rocky Marciano one round knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott in 1953, though still impressive sums. No other fights in 1953 or 1954 reached anywhere near those figures.

Below are a list of some of the major fights of 1954 which were on home television, though in a number of cases they were blacked out in the immediate vicinity of the bout, with figures showing how the actual gross compared with the TV and/or radio take:

	Attendance	*Gross Receipts*	*TV-Radio Revenue*
Moore-Maxim	16,375	$ 88,960	$ 50,000
DeMarco-Carter	5,730	23,727	40,000
Olson-Gavilan	18,582	334,730	100,000
Shirai-Espinosa	35,000	72,000	15,000
Moore-Johnson	8,327	34,024	50,000
Olson-Castellani	11,873	121,470	100,000
Saxton-Gavilan	7,909	57,121	40,000
Carter-DeMarco	11,000	48,676	50,000
Perez-Shirai	15,000	35,000	15,000
Olson-Langlois	12,474	107,660	60,000

There were 209 major network televised professional boxing shows during 1954, which includes the bouts on Monday evenings from Eastern Parkway Arena (over the DuMont Network and then the ABC-TV Network) and the St. Nicholas Arena fights on DuMont, the Wednesday night fight series over CBS-TV, the Friday night shows from Madison Square Garden and St. Nicholas Arena and eight shows from outside of New York (all over the NBC-TV Network) and the Saturday Night Fights over the ABC-TV Network.

A total of 159 different fighters took part in these televised shows.

There were also about 150 locally TV'ed professional boxing shows in America, telecast from the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles (KHJ-TV) on Monday evenings, the Motor City Arena in Detroit (WWJ-TV) on Tuesday nights and the Legion Stadium in Hollywood (KECA-TV) on Saturdays.

Professional fights were televised in Canada for the first time during 1954, on every other Monday evening from the Mont. St. Louis or the Forum in Montreal over CBFT. In Mexico City, bouts were videod on Wednesday and Saturday nights from the Coliseo over XH-TV and XEW-TV. Fights from the Sports Palace in Havana, Cuba, continued to be televised during 1954 and in Tokyo, Japan, quite a number of bouts were videod.

In all, about 650 professional boxing main events were televised throughout the world during the past year. Several hundred amateur shows also were presented on television.

FLOYD PATTERSON, 1952 Olympic champion and now a leading contender for light heavyweight honors, made most fighting TV appearances during 1954, having been seen in nine of his ten bouts. He was screened five times from the Eastern Parkway Arena, against Yvon Durelle, Alvin Williams, Jesse Turner, Joey Maxim and Tommy Harrison, twice from the St. Nicholas Arena on Monday nights (opposing Jacques Royer-Crecy and Esau Ferdinand) and finally made Madison Square Garden towards the tail-end of the year, decisioning Joe Gannon and Jimmy Slade.

Al Andrews, the Superior, Wis., mid-

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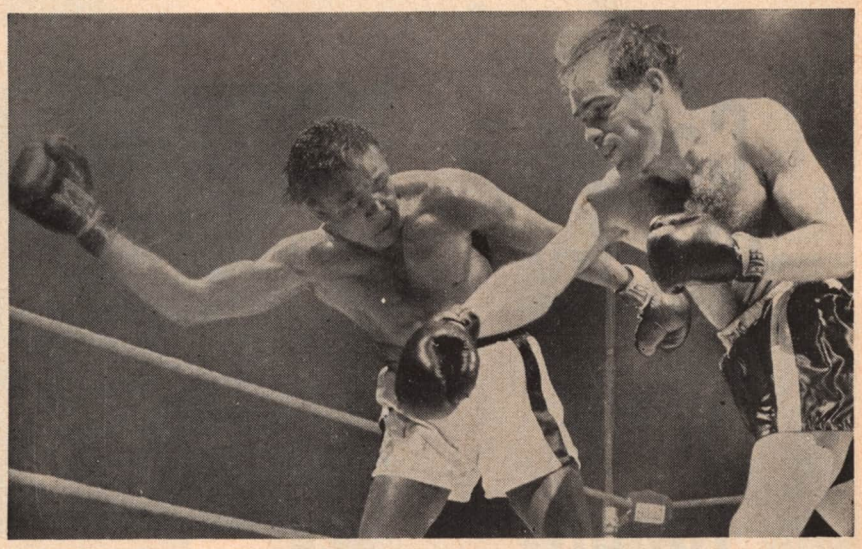
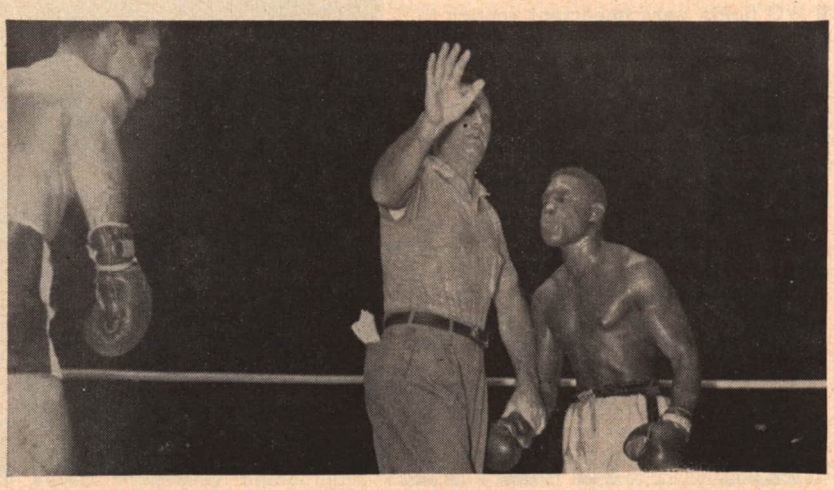


One of the rare occasions when two champions fought it out on TV, saw Bobo Olson (right) successfully defend his crown against welterweight king Kid Gavilan. Television rights for the fight brought $100,000.

Paddy DeMarco (right) on his way to the canvas in the ninth round of his championship fight with James Carter at San Francisco which was won by Carter when the referee stepped in to halt the bout in the fifteenth round. This was only the second time that Paddy had ever been knocked off his feet in a professional fight. He again hit the canvas in the fourteenth round only to be saved by the bell.

Carter Victory well-timed

By NAT FLEISCHER



Referee Flores stops the bout in fourteen seconds of the fifteenth round making Carter the only man in ring history to win the same championship three times. DeMarco (left) was barely able to stand he had been so badly battered.

BOXING can be as clean and thrilling as those in it care to make it.

That was demonstrated in the world lightweight championship fight in the Cow Palace, of San Francisco, where Jimmy Carter regained the title from Paddy DeMarco before a gathering of 11,000 persons who paid $48,676 and in winning back the crown he had lost last May, set a record by becoming the first to regain a title twice.

With the front pages of our newspapers headlining reports on gangsterism, hoodlumism and attempts at fixing bouts, the championship fight was well timed. It placed champion and challenger on the spot.

One false move, a repetition of the Saxon-Gavilan affair, or even a repetition of the lackadaisical performance by Carter that cost him the championship in his previous contest with DeMarco, might well have meant the death-knell of the sport or the establishment of Federal control.

Apparently those behind the scenes, the manipulators who have besmirched boxing, were alive to the situation. For weeks prior to the San Francisco bout it was whispered where gamblers congregate that this time Carter would win as he pleased because he would have the green light, which they intimated was held back in the first encounter and in other contests against ordinary boxers whom he should have whipped with one hand tied behind his back.

Whether they had anything to do with it or not, your guess is as good as mine. But the fact remains that both Carter and DeMarco went at it hammer and tongs, gave a splendid exhibition, put everything into their efforts they could muster, and fought both with skill and courage. Winner and loser came through with flying colors. And in their excellent performance, they lifted boxing at least for a short period, from vicious attacks to praise.

Carter proved he can fight—something we've always known. When he goes all out, as he did against Paddy, he rates one of the top pugilists among those now showing their wares to the public.

This he didn't do in their Garden bout and because of his failure to fight as he is capable of, ugly rumors of being held back by the betting gentry spread and injured boxing.

But he more than made up for it with an over-all showing that delighted those at the ringside and tickled the palates of the millions who viewed the title fight on TV with Pabst Blue Ribbon beer as a side dish. The fight was that good.

His plans of attack were perfect. His strategy was that of a master technician, the kind of boxing one expects from a highly talented lad.

CARTER was sharp. He was cagey. He hit the target with accuracy.

There wasn't a flaw in his make up. He was too cautious in their first battle, he said and because of the wide criticism, he was determined to regain the crown and with the triumph recover the confidence of the public. He did both and with his victory he gave boxing a little face lifting.

But he was not alone in the show. His opponent, though badly whipped after holding his own for the first five rounds, gave an exhibition of raw courage that made the majority of the spectators—both the payees and the home viewers—wish that he could have lasted out the final round.

The fight was such that had Carter taken time out as he did in the first bout, DeMarco would have repeated his previous triumph. It was a contest in which the new champ couldn't afford to loaf without taking the chance of coming out on the losing end.

Paddy is far from being a first class fighter. But he can make things interesting with his awkward style and this he did despite the fact that from the ninth round to the finish it was obvious he didn't have a chance to win unless he could score a knockout.

Carter's last round kayo victory was no surprise to the close followers of boxing who refused to admit, and correctly so, that DeMarco was the better man when he won the title last May. Paddy, for all that he is ever on the go, willing to mix it, game and full of fight, possesses limited ability but he is ever dangerous because of his bull-like rushes.

No champion in recent battles made a more gallant stand than did honest Paddy in his unsuccessful defense of his crown. His weapons fell short of what was required to retain his throne, but in defeat, he didn't suffer beyond the shellacking he took from one whom only a few months before seemed so easy an opponent. Paddy has many good fights left in him and he'll draw well no matter what the opposition is.

In winning back the title, Carter lived up to the predictions. He went into the fray a 1 to 3 favorite, so highly did the betting gentry think of his chances and once the bout got under way, it became evident that the opinion of the press was based on accurate judgment.

His superior boxing and hitting enabled him to keep ahead of the defending title holder in the majority of rounds in a tough, bruising, interesting contest. Until the ninth when Paddy was dropped for the first time, there was little

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Here we see the ex-champ, DeMarco, immediately after the fight in his dressing room. His face bears evidence of the beating he has just taken. But he is still not convinced and would like another crack at Carter.

Hail Jimmy Carter, first man to regain the lightweight title twice, counting the first time he won the crown he has held it on three occasions.

Death Takes a Holiday

By NAT FLEISCHER

Led by the New York State Athletic Commission world boxing bodies have adopted greater safety measures and closer supervision of boxing as reflected in marked drop in deaths due to pugilism

SAFETY measures introduced by the New York State Athletic Commission, headed by Robert K. Christenberry, and its Medical Advisory Board, of which Mal Stevens, former Yale football coach, is chairman, have checked ring fatalities that were the scourge of boxing in past years.

With the success of experiments in New York, followed by the adoption of safety devices in other states, deaths in the ring in 1954 were reduced to a low total of four in our country and two abroad. Of the six, there were three pros and as many amateurs. Until the last two weeks of the year, not one professional boxer had died from ring action in the United States, and then Ralph Weiser died in a Klamath Falls, Ore., bout and Ed Sanders, 1952 Olympic heavyweight champion, died following a knockout at the hands of Willie James in Boston, Mass. The amateurs were U. S. aviation servicemen.

In England, Bobby Callaghan a professional was killed and in Samoa, a policeman who was an amateur boxer died following a sparring session.

The six deaths match the total for 1945 and are fifteen less than last year. Considering the large number of boxers throughout the world, this low number is phenominal. It is considerably less than the fatalities suffered on the football field or in auto racing.

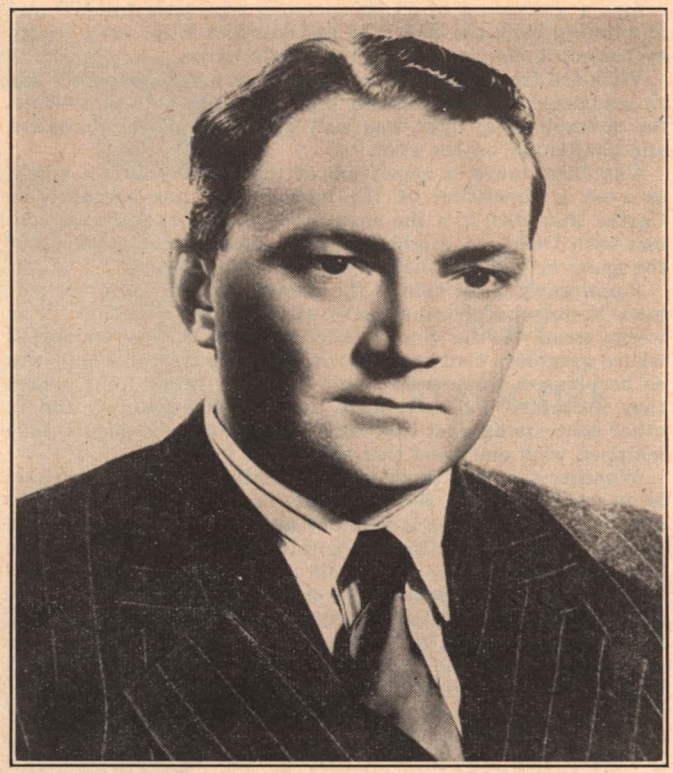
Thus the long fight against fatalities in boxing appears to have made great headway thanks to the extraordinary care of the medical profession in charge of the boxers.

New York has led the way with a new type mat, special blood tests, head examinations, suspensions of those who are knocked out, half yearly examinations of all licensed boxers, and physical tests twice before a bout. Our congratulations to Dr. Stevens and his staff of top medical advisors.

In the early days of American boxing little effort was made to keep a record of deaths due to ring injuries, but from 1900 to the present day, an accurate listing has been made, and it is of extreme interest to the profession.

In my research on ring fatalities, I have noted the benefits of medical supervision, especially since the end of World War II, when New York, emulating the Cuban and Italian Advisory Boards, organized a clinic for ringmen.

Though Cuba and Italy have clinics and examination quarters far superior to those of New York, that state has set the pace for world boxing examinations with some of the greatest authorities in the field in charge of the various branches. Every member of the nine board staff headed by Dr. Mal Stevens is a recognized world authority on his specialty and because of that, New York has not had a death or severe injury recorded among pugilists in many months.



Mal Stevens, head of the New York State Medical Advisory Board.

When one considers the hazards in professional and amateur boxing, a contact sport in which the aim of every contestant is to try to score a knockout, this is a remarkable record.

The inherent risk attached to any activity in which the head more frequently than any other part of the body is subjected to a severe attack, is well known to all who participate in boxing, football or hockey, the three most strenuous contact sports.

In boxing, it must be admitted that the primary aim is to strike where the attack will be most effective. It is one of the few sports in which the offensive goal is the opponent's head.

Frequently this leaves permanent injury to the central nervous system, particularly the brain. This may lead to paralysis in whole or in part of a loss of mental and physical coordination, known as punch-drunkenness.

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BOXING DEATHS IN 1954

FEB. 18th. At Samoa; Police constable Vaipou Ainu'u, 35. Died of head injuries follow a sparring match in which he was knocked down striking the back of his head on the mat. (Amateur)
FEB. 28th. At Oakland, Calif.; Airman Jesse J. Hylton, 22. Died of a cerebral hemorrhage two days after he was knocked out in the third round of a bout. (Amateur)
SEPT. 9th. At Pensacola, Fla.; M. G. Byrd, Aviation Ordnanceman, U.S.N. of Houston, Texas, 22. Died of a skull fracture following a three round kayo in an inter-service bout a week previous. (Amateur)
NOV. 30th. At London; Bobby Callaghan died following a six round draw with Don Sleet at Layton Baths.
DEC. 11. At Klamath Falls, Ore.—Ralph Weiser a Portland lightweight, died from brain hemorrhage following a knockout by Teddy Hall. (Professional)
DEC. 12. At Boston—Ed Sanders, 1952 Olympic Heavyweight champion died following knockout at hands of Willie James (Professional)

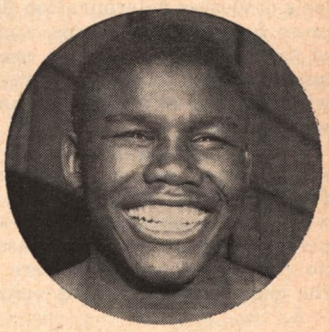
FISTIC STARS RETIRE

By JOE SMITH

Harry Matthews

Chuck Davey

Jimmy Carruthers



Jimmy Bivins

FIGHTERS WHO RETIRED IN 1954

Jimmy Carruthers retired as undefeated Bantamweight champion
Jake La Motta, former Middleweight champion
Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla., Light Heavyweight
Fabala Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif., Lightweight
Jacques Hairabedian, French Light Heavyweight
Arthur King, Toronto, Canada, Lightweight
Chuck Davey, Lansing, Mich., Welterweight
Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O., Heavyweight
Harry Kid Matthews, Heavyweight
Tommy Collins, Featherweight

AMONG the boxers who hung up their gloves in retirement during 1954, were a number who figured prominently in recent years in the headlines. The most prominent was Jimmy Carruthers, who shortly after successfully defending his world bantamweight title in Bangkok against Chamrern Songkitrat, in what was the most spectacular fight contested in the last fifty years, invested in a hotel and quit the roped square.

Jimmy, who won the Australian bantam crown in his ninth professional bout and the world championship in his fifteenth contest, vowed that he would quit after he saved enough to enable him to enter a business career. This was made possible for him when he received a guarantee of $40,000 for the Bangkok affair.

Another champion who decided to terminate his fighting career was Jake La Motta who was holder of the middleweight crown prior to being dethroned by Sugar Ray Robinson in a spectacular fight in 1951. Sugar Ray stopped the Bronx Bull in the thirteenth round.

Third in line of importance is Chuck Davey, the "boy wonder" whose handsome features made him the idol of millions of television fans, but who as a first rate fistic performer, proved to be a dud. Built up by his mentors through the medium of mediocre opposition, he suddenly blossomed out into one of the best money fighters, but when pitted against talent of ability, he flopped so badly, even his most ardent followers—and he had many throughout the country, especially women TV fans—realized what a hoax had been played on them. The school teacher with three college degrees was a master technician as a college boxer, but as a professional, he simply didn't fit into the picture.

Davey retired without regrets. He got more out of professional boxing during his short career, than he could have earned during a life time as a teacher.

Danny Nardico, the Tampa heavyweight who figured in many contests against the world's outstanding light heavyweights and heavyweights, finally found the going too tough and called it quits. Nardico, a veteran of World War Two with decorations for heroism and carrying his wounds into the ring, was a top notcher for many years.

He started his pro career in 1949 and under the management of Lou Viscuso made rapid headway. Among the top men whom he faced were Harry Kid Matthews, Bob Murphy, Dan Bucceroni, Jake La Motta, Joey Maxim and Robert Villemain.

Though shrapnel in his body affected his fighting, he was an aggressive, courageous battler who always gave the fans a fight for their money. Thus, he became a popular boxer and his services were in demand.

Fabela Chavez, who held the California State featherweight title and for many years competed against the top men of his class, was another who decided he had enough of ring warfare. In 1953 he experienced a poor year starting with a loss to Teddy Red Top Davis and a knockout by Tommy Collins. Collins, after a comeback in which he scored three kayoes, was then stopped in two rounds by Lulu Perez and retired again, this time permanently, he said.

Arthur King, once holder of the Canadian lightweight championship also hung up his gloves. King, for a time a stablemate of world champion Ike Williams, tried hard to get a crack at the world crown, but being under the same management with the champ, made that impossible.

He had an excellent record. He won the Canadian crown when he beat Armand Savoie and laid claim also to the British Empire championship.

The announcement on December 1 by Harry Kid Matthews that he is through as a fighter and henceforth will engage in the fuel business, brings to an end the career of a colorful mid-western light heavyweight and heavyweight, who through the persistent attacks against monopoly by his vociferous manager, Jack Hurley, gained for him a shot at Rocky Marciano at a time when it was still doubtful if the Brockton Blockbuster would reach the top of the ladder, and Harry was considered a top contender.

But Rocky burst the Matthews bubble by a two rounds knockout and it was that contest that gained for him the world heavyweight title shot against Jersey Joe Walcott a few months later, a bout in which Marciano won the crown.

Standout Fights of 1954

By TED CARROLL

UNLIKE 1953, when most of the big fights were followed by one form of controversy or another, the best remembered bouts of 1954 were singularly free of aggravating aftermaths. The year's big battle, the first Charles-Marciano melee for the world's heavyweight title, was one of the few big matches in memory to arouse absolutely no unpleasant repercussions.

Praise for the challenger's valiant stand, and the champion's dauntless determination filled the pages of the nation's press for days afterwards, and animated the conversations of fight fans from coast to coast. The accolades were very much in order too, for this was a spine-tingling tussel from which champion, challenger and the boxing game emerged with honors.

Alas, the return match between Marciano and Charles 3 months later was as lack-lustre as the first one had been furious. Happily, this was not unexpected by the public, which quite logically, were really not looking for a repeat performance of the June classic. Consequently there was no real outcry over the mere token-resistance supplied by the challenger in the September scramble.

As time goes by, the second meeting gains added significance due mainly to the injury to Marciano's nose, a peculiar laceration which is proving most stubborn in healing. This has caused speculation that the nature of the wound may be such as to not only keep the champion idle until next June, but also provide a most vulnerable target for any future opponent.

Both title bouts drew well, the first one topped a half million dollars and this despite the fact that Marciano was a top-heavy favorite. The combined "gates" of the two matches neared $900,000, once again exposing as nonsense the wails and moans of the prophets of doom and gloom who year after year sing the same old tune of early extinction for the business, only to find out time and again that nobody loves boxing but the people.

IN far-off Thailand, the natives have embraced western-style boxing and are reacting with an enthusiasm unheard of anywhere else. This newly manifested Oriental exuberance makes the two title bantam bouts held in that Asiatic country stand out in any recap of what went on in boxing in 1954.

On May 2, Chamrern Songkitrat, the Thailand challenger met the then champion Jimmy Carruthers for the 118 pound title in the first championship match ever held in that section of the globe. Not even a torrential rain could wash away the fervor of the fans, who, soaked to the skin, were oblivious to it as the bare-footed battlers waded and skidded through 15 water-logged rounds. More than 59,000 spectators stayed from start to finish as national hero Songkitrat, after putting up a good fight, lost the verdict to the left-handed Australian.

On September 19, the rains came again, and again failed to quench the enthusiasm of the 70,000 who stormed the arena in Bangkok as Songkitrat tangled with Robert Cohen of France, for the bantam title now vacated by Carruthers. This was a real hairliner, with Ring Editor Nat Fleischer casting the deciding ballot for the French North African after 15 closely contested sessions.

Fleischer has described the goings on, on both occasions in previous editions of the Ring. The Thai people put on demonstrations combining New Year's Eve celebrations, Mardi Gras time in New Orleans, armistice days in both World Wars, and World Series openings in U. S. cities, before during and after both championship fights.

Capacity audiences paid a total of more than $417,000 to see both fights, which become memorable because of the emergence of little Thailand as a boxing beehive.

IN sharp contrast to most of the other title activity, the Saxton-Gavilan welterweight championship fight held in Philadelphia on Oct. 20 kicked up a storm reminiscent of 1953. It was a disappointing affair. Saxton has obviously stumbled upon a style which is impenetrable for his opponents and impossible for the spectators. This is strange since in his amateur and early pro days, the Brooklyn orphan performed with a flash and dash which stimulated the customers. This is no longer so, and the Gavilan go was but the latest of a long line of Saxton somnambulisms which have left the fans limp, not from excitement, but from listlessness.

Most of the moans of anguish over the sad exhibition emanated from televiewers. This is a twentieth century phenomenon, since how a customer can find cause for complaint over a product which cost him nothing, defies explanation! The press also groaned over the sorry spectacle, but with justification.

The decision giving Saxton the title set currents of criticism swirling through the sports pages and brought forth a flood of tears from Gavilan in his dressing room immediately after the fight. The Cuban Kid, who has verged on greatness at times, had shown little to warrant such a mournful display against Saxton. Furthermore both he and the Cuban press which raged and ranted over the result, conveniently forgot that Gavilan has in the past been beneficiary of many close title verdicts.

Billy Graham, Bobby Dykes, and Carmen Basilio, his challengers in prior title goes won by the Kid, did not resort to tears when the decisions against them were announced, although there were many who thought they should have. The Kid got all the better of these calls.

That the Gavilan-Saxton shuffle belonged at the top-or bottom- of the years bouts for controversial aspect, there is little dispute. In fact, it was almost alone in this respect among the big matches of 1954.

AS in 1953, Jimmy Carter, whose probable form in any title match is as hard to fathom as his unchanging "poker faced" expression, came up with a mechanical masterpiece against rough, tough Paddy DeMarco, when he regained his lightweight title from the Brooklyn Battering Ram in San Francisco on November 17.

In all fairness to DeMarco, he had been out of action since March 5 when he took the title from Carter in a bout marked by one of the unexplainable lapses into mediocrity to which the Bronx Boy is peculiarly susceptible.

Even allowing for DeMarco's rustiness, Carter fought masterfully, he put on exhibit all the facets of the mechanical's fighter's art, evading punishment with a minimum of effort, taking the steam out of a willing rival with a bludgeoning body attack, and then coming on in the later rounds to score with precision punches delivered as though guided by radar. Flooring the rugged Paddy is no triviality. He had only been decked once before in his entire career. Battering him into submission to win by a last round technical kayo, was quite an achievement for the thrice-crowned champion who turns his fighting prowess on and off as the ocassion demands.

ALTHOUGH the Olson-Gavilan middleweight championship fuss in Chicago on April 2 generated great national interest, it was not distinguished by anything extraordinary. Olson won handily enough, performing his usual robot-like routine of working over an opponent both at long range and inside. There were suspicions before the meeting that trouble with his right hand might impair the Cuban's effectiveness, and there was some evidence of this in his performance against the middleweight champion. He used his right very sparingly.

As neither heavy title fight was on home television, the Gavilan-Olson fight probably was the year's topper for size of the parlor audience. The "live" turnout amounted to 18,582 paying $339,730.

Olson's title defense against Rocky Castellani in San Francisco on August 20 followed a now familiar pattern. The only variation being that the balding Islander had to chase his fleeing foe for the better part of the bout. He won handily enough in a run-of-mill contest.

Old Archie Moore pulled one out of the fire against Harold Johnson of Philadelphia, a most persistent rival, in Madison Square Garden on August 11. Running behind his spryer and more youthful antagonist in the officials' tally, the sharp shooting veteran pinpointed a right on the challenger's chin in the 14th round, and then methodically cut him down in the same stanza ending hostilities with just one round to go.

For a man of his years, 37, Moore's exhibition was most impressive, and this fight adds support to the feeling that he rates with the top light heavies of any period.

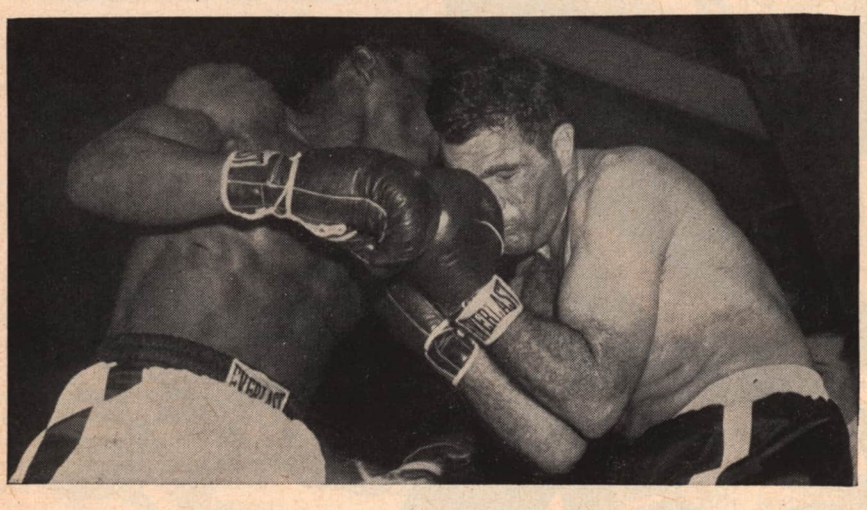
ARCHIE had little trouble with his perennial playmate, vet Joey Maxim, former light heavy king whom he turned back with ease in Miami on Jan. 27. Many felt that Moore's efforts here were tinged with charity towards the man from whom he won the title 2 years ago.

The fight, just an ordinary one by the usual standards, brought into strong focus the part boxing plays in social advances. Held in the Deep South, it was taken in stride by all concerned, although only a few years ago, mixed bouts were held to be impractical and fraught with danger in this part of the country. Thus does boxing lead the way among sports in instilling a true feeling of sportsmanship and democracy, without regard for racial differences, wherever it becomes popular.

On the international scene the Perez-Shirai flyweight title contest held in far off Tokyo, Japan, gained top ranking in importance when Perez, Olympic flyweight winner in 1948, became the first Argentinian to win a World's title. In an unusual gesture after his victory, the little South American presented a huge trophy, offered by President Peron for the winner, to the loser, Shirai, in the interests of international good will.

Argentina, a sports-conscious land which has sent many fine fighters to foreign lands in search of world honors, fully rates the distinction of being the first South American country to claim this honor for one of its fighting men. Boxing people throughout the world found this development good cause for satisfaction and congratulations.

1954 HIGHLIGHTS



By NAT LOUBET

Floyd Patterson (left) and Joey Maxim engaged in a contest which saw Patterson lose his one and only fight of the year. Thirteen out of fourteen scribes at the Eastern Parkway Arena who witnessed the event scored the fight with Patterson as the winner.

THE world picture in boxing in 1954, was not what one could refer to as an ideal one. In fact, boxing has much to be thankful for, considering the crisis through which it passed during the past twelve months. It was lacking in lifting qualities such as we had hoped would be produced.

Attacks against the sport by legislators, the clergy and jurists, the shut down of additional small organizations throughout the country and the grip underworld characters have taken on the national pastime, added to the woes of a sport that has been battling for existence since television spectators superceded the paid fight fans. Despite these tremendous handicaps, however, the year was productive of a number of good matches which even though they failed to attract the paying populace, gave much entertainment to those who sit at home, watching the fights while enjoying their Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer.

Those fans had an opportunity to view contests that produced many knockdowns, knockouts, upsets and laughs—a combination that enabled boxing to go through the year without an appreciable loss in its appeal to the public. 1954 goes down into the record book as a year of upsets, and one in which a record number of world championship contests were staged. It also was a year for rookie advancement into public favor.

Young prospects came to the fore in greater numbers than since any time following the end of the Korean War. Much of the rookie talent of a year ago moved into the upper bracket of the fight game. From ordinary preliminary lads they reached the semi-final and main event booking in such numbers as to furnish the bulk of the attractions in most of the cities.

Disputed decisions also furnished much to keep the interest alive and to keep boxing in the headlines of the sports pages. The year also was productive of a number of knockouts or knockdowns that came within the final seconds of thrilling encounters.

These more than evened the score when the balance sheet was taken at the end of the year. With the clean-up that was begun as the year came towards an end, the prospects for a better 1955 seemed bright. With many new faces added to the list of growing top talent, with champions at the helm willing to defend their laurels against leading contenders, greater vigilance by the high moguls of boxing and efficient matchmaking, the new year promises desired results. It's up to the various boxing commissions to stop pussy-footing, regulate the sport without favoritism, to keep boxing on a high level.

From the standpoint of attendance and receipts, 1954 was one of the worst, if not the worst experienced by promoters since World War I. As has been told in another article in this issue, there are several causes but no matter how grave, they can and should be rectified to bring boxing back into its own. Television has been bearing the brunt of the attack but there are other important contributing causes, among them the hold the managers' guilds control on boxing.

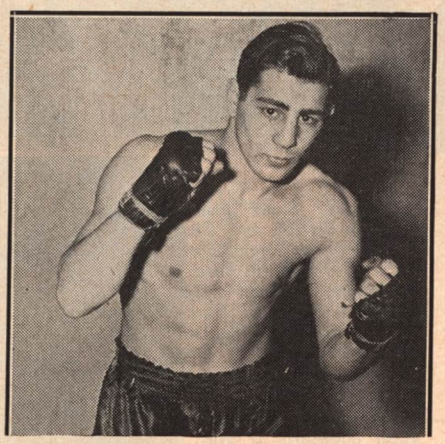
If matchmakers will stick to their last and give deserving talent an opportunity to engage in top matches, and the various Managers' Guilds will refrain from interfering with matchmaking, much of the headaches which boxing has suffered during the past year can be eliminated. Elsewhere in this issue are articles on the rookies who have made good and on the outstanding boxers of the year, hence we will not go into that phase in this general roundup.

Not in many years have so many main event bouts ended in disputed decisions as during the past, not only in this country but also abroad. In Japan, when Yoshio Shirai defended his world flyweight crown against Leo Espinosa, the

Philippine champion, the huge gathering, though favoring the home boy, found considerable fault with the official verdict that deprived Espinosa of the honors. As early as January 16, the turmoil started when in a Miami televised bout Carmen Basilio was deprived of a well earned victory in his fight with Italo Scortichini and had to be content with a draw verdict. A week later, Pierre Langlois suffered a similar deal when brotherly love overcame the Philadelphia officials who ruled Gil Turner the victor.

Philadelphia was the scene of still another awkward decision when Joey Giardello received the award over Ralph Jones on September 24. But what, from the point of view of the television spectators as well as those who attended the bout in Convention Hall, was the worst decision rendered during the entire year, was that which caused the dethronement of Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, and enabled Johnny Saxton to be raised to the throne of the welterweight division.

George Bothner, who passed away in New York City at the age of 87 after a long illness. Best remembered as one of the world's all-time greats as a wrestler.



Johnny Greco, former Canadian welterweight champion who was killed in an automobile accident in Quebec, Canada.

New York City had its share of disputed decisions in the Kenny Lane bout with Orlando Zulueta in the St. Nicholas Rink, in the Joey Giardello vs. Bobby Jones contest in the Garden and in the bout between Floyd Patterson and Joey Maxim at the Eastern Parkway, among others. Though Lane was given the verdict over Zulueta, the Cuban had a wide margin on his rival according to the spectators and the scribes who covered the fight.

The same occurred when Bobby Jones was deprived of the laurels in the bout with Giardello and when Maxim received the decision over Patterson, the up-and-coming light-heavyweight, who one of these days seems destined to rule the roost in his division. The newspapermen who covered the latter fight were up in arms. Thirteen out of fourteen scribes handed the bout to Patterson.

Still another bout, in which top ranking fighters appeared in a disputed decision, was that in which Art Aragon was awarded the verdict over Chuck Davey. Though Davey had proven in several previous contests, beginning with that against Kid Gavilan, that he was a far overrated boxer, in the contest with Aragon he definitely had the advantage but didn't receive the verdict.

One of the most thrilling contests of the year found Danny Nardico, floored seven times in his bout at Miami Beach with Charley Norkus, whom he dropped twice. Danny was halted in the ninth round.

A first round knockout in which five knockdowns were scored took place in Newark when Jerome Richardson halted Jackie Wilson, and in Hollywood Manny Otero floored Augie Morelli five times in scoring a kayo in three rounds.

In Australia, Freddie Dawson, the Chicago welterweight, who has been doing all of his battling Down Under, dropped Barry Brown five times before he kayoed the Australian in the sixth round to add to his string of victories. Rocky Scott, a Brooklyn boy, dropped Polo Patino, of Texas, five times in a Galveston bout before halting him in the second round and in Stockton, Cal., Sammy Tercero put Gil Castillo to the mat six times before halting him in the fourth round.

These were only a few of the many contests in which five or more downs were scored.

Billy Gordon holds the record for the year for a knockout. He struck Herb McDonald before the first second of their engagement at Akron, Ohio, had been completed and dropped him with a thud. McDonald was counted out and the time of the bout was eleven seconds. They are middleweights.

In the same city Bobby Hughes stopped Ed Smith, a light-heavyweight, in twenty seconds of the first round.

At Milwaukee, Dave Ragus, a heavyweight, scored an eighteen seconds knockout over Earl Lumpkin, and in Los Angeles, Gordon Meadows, a welterweight, kayoed Ray Serna in twenty seconds of the first round.

In Europe, the shortest contest between topnotchers was that at Rome on May 3rd when Randy Turpin, British and European Middleweight King, was finally put out of the picture as a world's ranking boxer when he was knocked out by Tiberio Mitri in twenty-eight seconds of the first round. This upset kayo won for Mitri the European middleweight championship.

Boxing has its humor, pathos and thrills. Scarcely a year goes by but what something takes place during a ring affair that is recorded as an oddity. The past year was no exception. There were many such events.

At Columbus, Ohio, Marty Marshall of Detroit had to win a bout twice before he could feel satisfied that he had gained the decision. It was a case similar to that in Toledo when Jack Dempsey left the ring following his "one round knockout" of Jess Willard.

In the Columbus bout Marshall floored Herbie Moore of Cincinnati in the third round. The referee counted him out but the timer stopped at eight, when he noticed that Herbie was trying to get to his feet. After Marshall had left the ring, the Boxing Commission ordered him to return on a threat of confiscating his purse. He was told to resume the bout. This he did and went on to win the decision in ten rounds.

At Topeka, Kansas, Bobby Bickle, Topeka lightweight won a contest after an odd occurrence. His opponent, Eddie Brant of Dayton, collided with the referee and tripped. He broke a bone in his left instep as both he and Referee Walter Geiser fell, and Bickle was credited with a six round knockout when the bout was halted.

At Chatham, England, Freddy French and Jack Brincate, amateurs, swung at the same time. Their fists connected with each other's jaw and down went the pair. The referee, after counting both men out, declared Brincate the winner because he had been leading on points.

Worcester, Mass., fans weren't eager to turn out to undergo the inconvenience experienced by those who flocked to the Yankee Stadium to see the Maxim-Robinson bout. The weather was hot and the arena was stifling. The promoter of the Mechanics Hall match between George Araujo of Providence and Braxton Reed of New York, called the affair off when he found there wasn't enough in the house to pay for the lights.

Who has it, the Smiths or the Browns?

Well, in New Orleans on July 9, there could be no argument about that. It was the Browns. Andy of New

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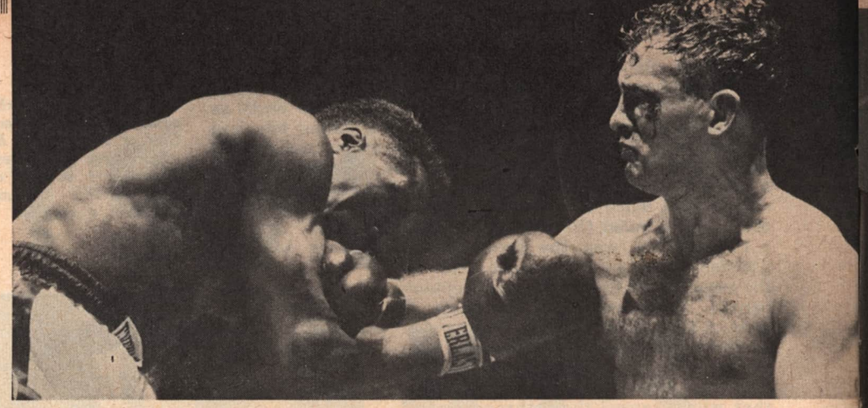
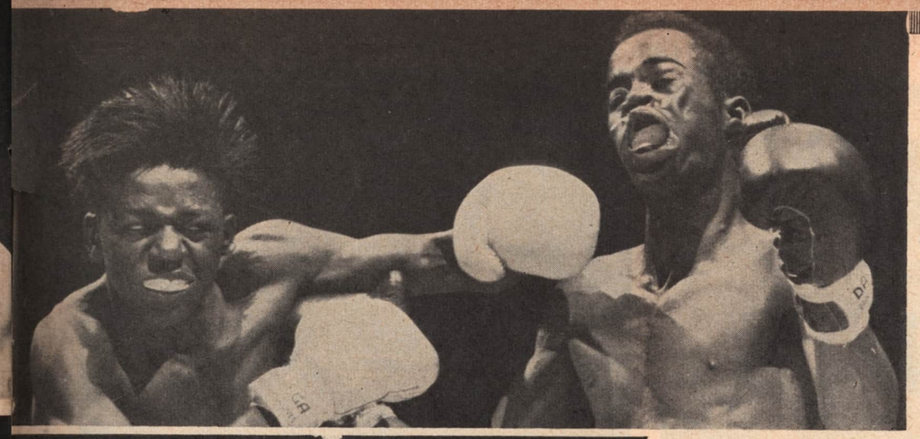
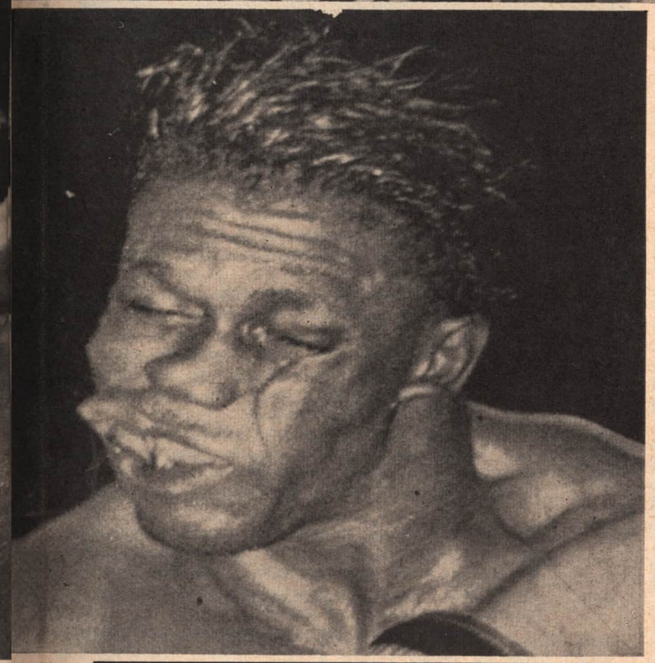
A 1954 EYEFUL



(Above) Blood pouring from his left eye, Charley Norkus connects with a hard right to head of Tommy Jackson in Garden bout in May. Norkus was bleeding from cuts above both eyes when bout was stopped in the fifth round.

(Right) And the guy won. Frankie Ryff, bleeding profusely from cuts over both eyes, went on to take a unanimous decision from Orlando Zulueta in December.

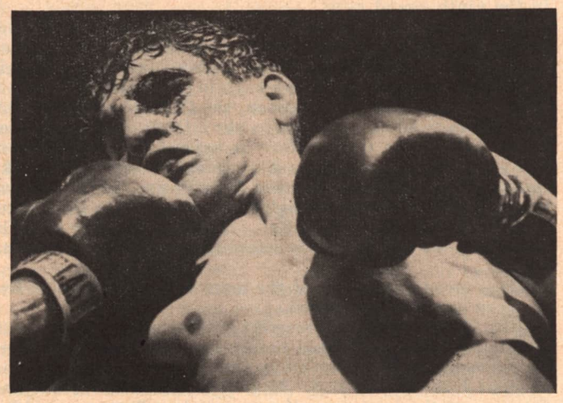




(Above) Harry Smith (left), decked out in white gloves, gives Joe Charles a distorted view of the proceedings as he hammers out a decision in the Inter-City Golden Gloves last March.

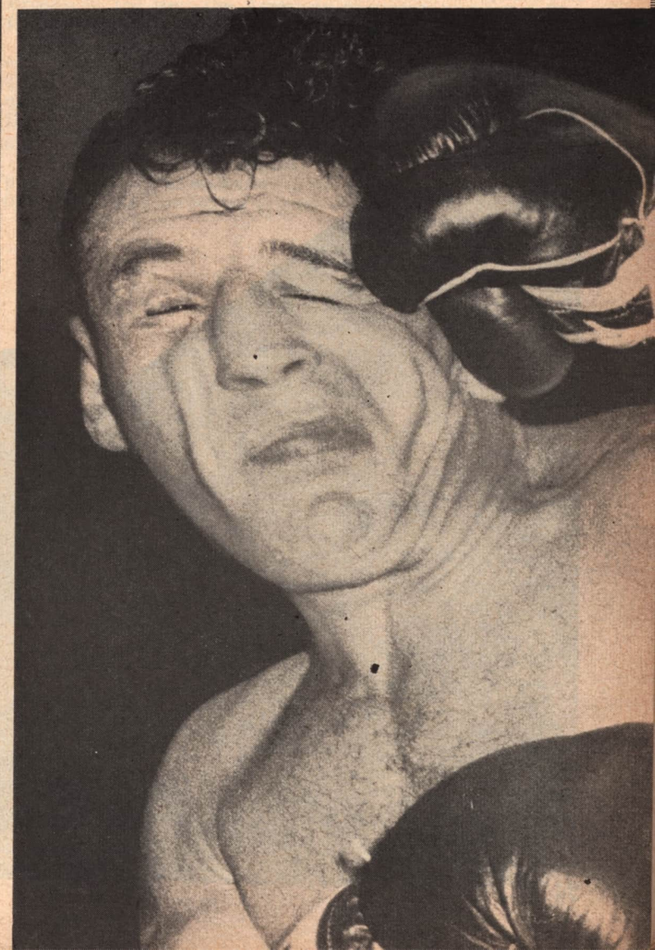
(Left) Charley Powell's features are knocked into a grotesque mask from a hard right delivered by Charley Norkus in their October bout. Powell was kayoed in the seventh, his first pro defeat.

LET'S FACE IT



(Above) Lulu Perez gets hit with a right to the jaw by Percy Bassett in the eighth round of their fight in June. Perez was unable to answer the bell for the 12th round. (Left) In pain and bloodied, after taking a left from Walter Cartier, Tuzo Portuguez dropped his opponent in the next round. But Cartier won the decision.

(Above) Bob Satterfield is the recipient of a hair-raising punch scored by Ezzard Charles last January. He was knocked out in the second round. (Right) The blinkin' punch hurt. Peter Muller, German middleweight, winces from the impact of right thrown by Gene Fullmer. Muller lost in his American debut.



1954! NOT FOR EXPERTS

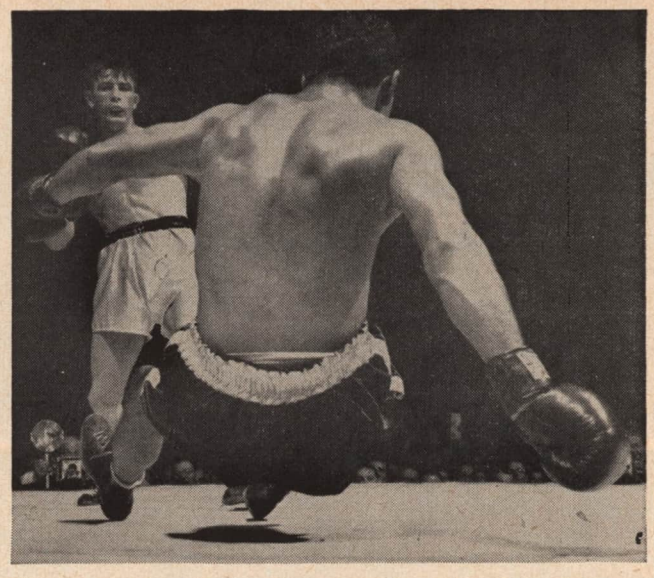
By LEWIS ESKIN

"OLD MAN UPSET" enjoyed one of his best years in 1954, as one favorite after another fell before the underdogs week after week in all sports.

Records that had stood for many years and looked unbreakable were shattered.

In Track, the magic four minute mile was run, not once but thrice. The barrier was broken, first by England's Dr. Roger Bannister in 3.59.4 and a few weeks later, Australia's John Landy lowered the mark to 3.58. Then in what was billed as the race of the century, Bannister and Landy met at Vancouver in the British Empire Games. Unlike the outcome of most ballyhooed events this lived up to its name, and was the race of the century, a miracle mile with both men breaking four minutes, Bannister winning in 3.58.8 and Landy, second in 3.59.6.

The five year reign of the New York Yankees as the kings of baseball came to an end as the Cleveland Indians won the American League flag. In winning the Indians not only fractured the Yanks streak but set a new American League record by winning 111 games. Although they finished second, the Yanks also set a record by copping 104 games, more than any other second place team in the history of the Major Leagues.



Pierre Langlois, of France, floors Joey Giardello, middleweight contender and goes on to win a unanimous decision. Langlois, a five to one underdog, made the experts look bad.

The National League flag was supposed to be a shoo-in for the Brooklyn Dodgers, yet it was the New York Giants who captured the pennant and went on to an amazing four game sweep of the Cleveland Indians to win their first world championship since 1933.

It was also the first world series triumph by a National League team since 1946 when the St. Louis Cards upset the Boston Red Sox.

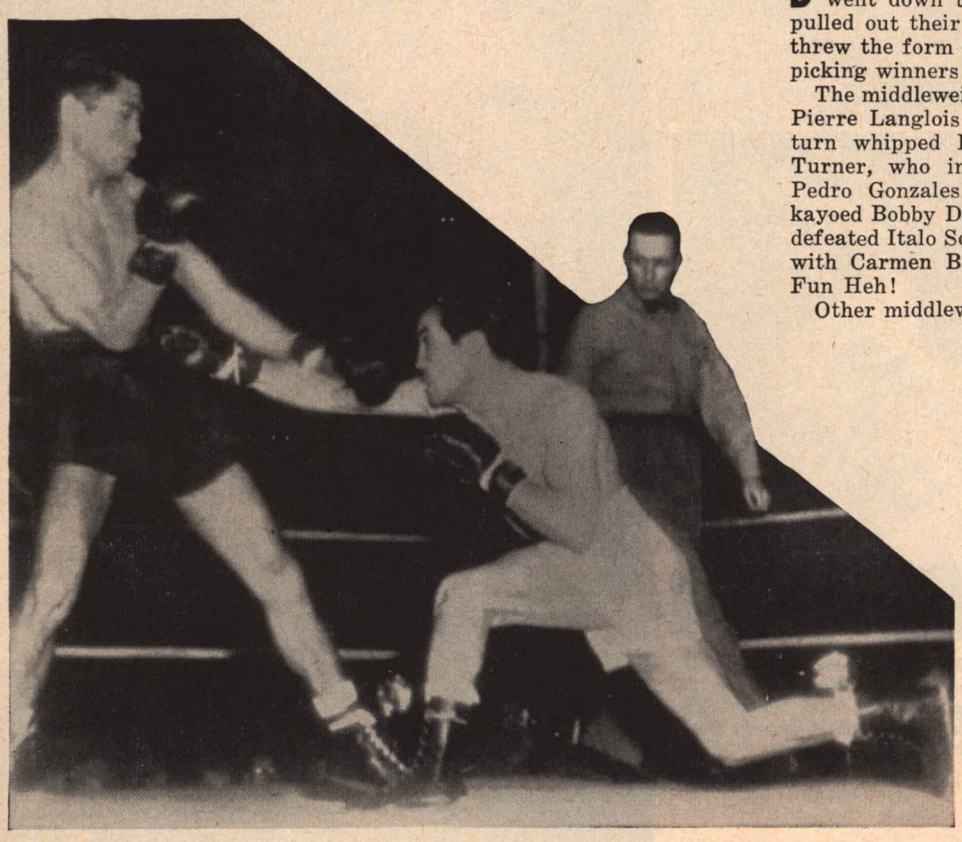
Basketball's 1953-54 season saw form reversals in game after game as the underdogs played havoc with the experts' forecast of the outcome of each game. One high ranking team after another tumbled to defeat.

Football, college and professional, was filled with upsets each week, as Army was beaten by South Carolina, Notre Dame fell before Purdue, Navy lost to Pittsburgh, Alabama to Mississippi Southern and Miami to Auburn.

BOXING also was replete with upsets as favorites went down to defeats by the score. Experts pulled out their graying hair in bunches as they threw the form chart out the window and started picking winners out of the air.

The middleweight class was replete with upsets. Pierre Langlois beat Joey Giardello and Joey in turn whipped Bobby Jones. Bobby kayoed Gil Turner, who in turn beat Langlois, who beat Pedro Gonzales. Pedro beat Ralph Jones, who kayoed Bobby Dykes, who beat Joey Giambra who defeated Italo Scortichini, and Italo fought a draw with Carmen Basilio, who beat Langlois. Some Fun Heh!

Other middleweight upsets were Jacques Royer



The new flyweight champion of the world Pascual Perez, of Argentina, won his crown from Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo, Japan with a fifteen round decision not foreseen by scribes.

over Ralph Jones; Billy Kilgore kayoing Ernie Durando and Durando the winner over Bobby Dykes; then Dykes drew with Holly Mims and Tiberio Mitri scored a 28 seconds kayo over Randy Turpin to win the European crown.

In the number of upsets, the lightweight class followed the middleweights. Paddy DeMarco opened the year by defeating Ralph Dupas, then scoring a big upset by winning the title from Jimmy Carter. Dupas also lost to young Frankie Ryff in a surprise victory. Frenchmen Hociane Khalfi upset featherweight king Paddy Saddler; Wallace (Bud) Smith stunned the fans with his kayo of Arthur Persley; Cisco Andrade scored an upset in turning back featherweight Percy Bassett.

Orlando Zulueta who had beaten Johnny Gonsalves, found out how the other half lives when he lost in upsets to Richie Howard and young southpaw Kenny Lane. Lulu Perez, now fighting as a lightweight, was held to a surprise draw by Jackie Blair, then was beaten by Joe Lopes.

THE heavyweights had their share of shockers, with Ezzard Charles' great showing in his first bout with Rocky Marciano among the top ones. Tommy (Hurricaine) Jackson's kayoes of Dan Bucceroni and Rex Layne, then his losses to Jimmy Slade and Nino Valdes were also big surprises.

Edgardo Romero upset Earl Walls; Earl also lost to Tommy Harrison in a surprise, but came back a few weeks later as an underdog against Tommy and blasted him out in the first heat.

Charlie Norkus scored two impressive kayos in underdog rolls. He stopped Danny Nardico in a thrilling war in which there were seven knockdowns and later burst the Charlie Powell bubble with a seven round kayo.

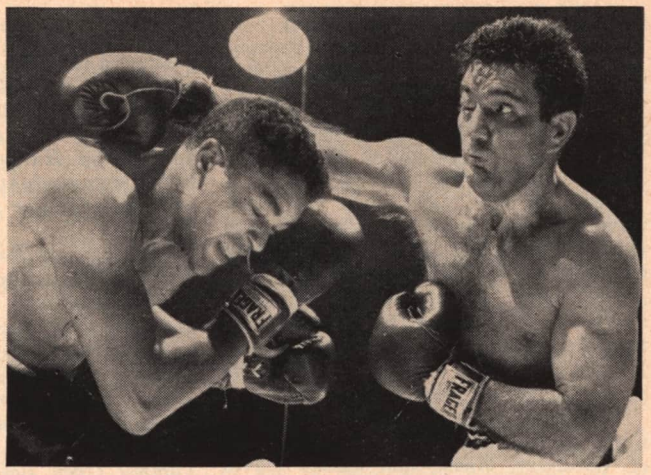
Among the light heavyweights it was left to a pair of old pros to cause the stunners. Joey Maxim, who had failed in a second bid to regain his crown from Archie Moore, was pitted against high flying Floyd Patterson, but Joey was too cute for the 19 year old youngster and shaded him. Then Maxim was put up against another high riding young comer in Paul Andrews and once again Maxim's ringcraft proved too much for a young battler and despite a closed right eye from the first round and about 15 pounds over his fighting weight, Joey gave Paul a boxing lesson.

Billy Smith another veteran performer shot into the top challengers spot with a stunning two round kayo of Harold Johnson, who only a few weeks before seemed on his way to world's crown as he was in front of Archie Moore, when Archie caught up with him in the 14th round.

JOHNNY SAXTON's winning of the welterweight title from Kid Gavilan was a major upset as were Chris Christensen's win over Billy Graham and Vince Martinez's triumph over Art Aragon.

In other upsets in the 147 pound class Jed Black held Chico Vejar to a draw and Jed, then lost to Carmine Fiore. Maurice Harper defeated Del Flanagan. Luther Rawlings stopped Frankie Fernandez. Chico Varona suffered two surprise losses as he was beaten by Hector Constance and Charley Salas, while Pat Lowry upset Joe Miceli. Joe was also held to a surprise draw by Bob Stecher, while Lowry got himself upset by young Duke Harris and then suffered a stunning one kayo at the hands of Allie Gronik.

Young Carmelo Costa scored a major upset in the featherweight class when he defeated the then number one contender, Mexican Baby Ortiz, Carmelo fell a victim to the upset tide when Rudy Garcia broke his unbeaten skein.



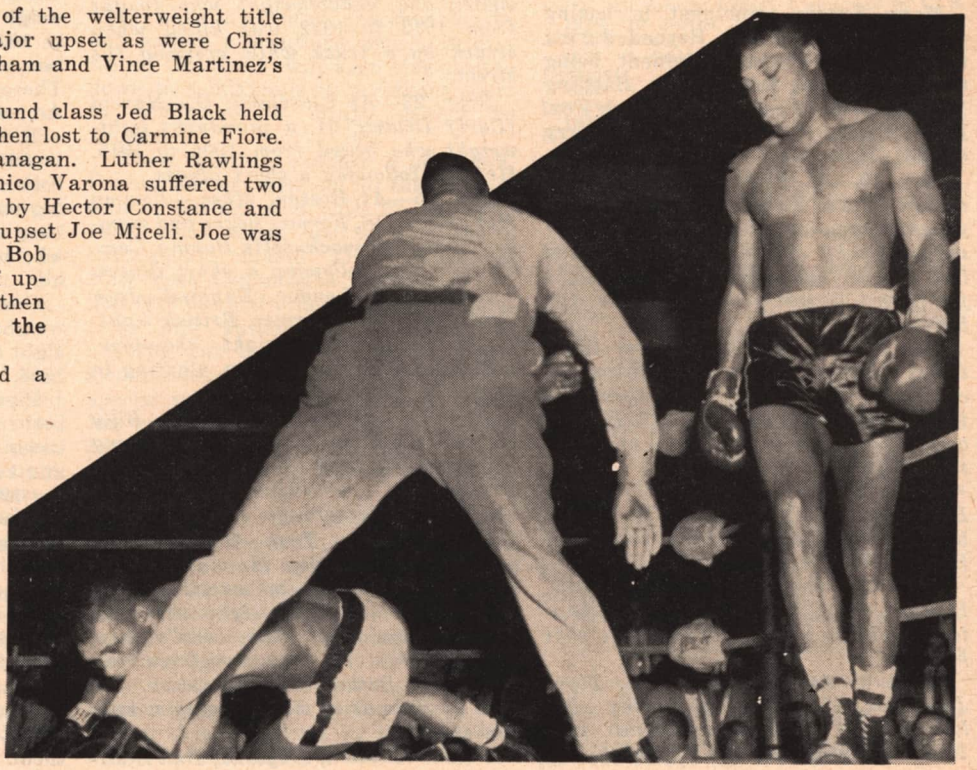
Joey Maxim, ex-lightheavyweight boss, a four to one underdog, beats the odds and Paul Andrews to win a unanimous decision at Chicago.

Percy Bassett's kayo of Lulu Perez came in the upset category as did Lulu's kayo of Willie Pep. Ireland's Billy Kelly sprung a surprise in beating Roy Ankara to win the British Empire title.

Former American titleholder Billy Peacock pulled off the surprise of the year among the bantamweights when he ended the undefeated streak of Belgian Pierre Cossemyns. South Africa's Willie Toweel scored surprise wins over Andre Valignat and Henry (Pappy) Gault, and Nate Brooks, at the time the American champion was upset by featherweight Mickey Mars.

The winning of the flyweight crown by Argentina's Pascual Perez from Yoshio Shirai in Shirai's home town of Tokyo was among the year's biggest shocks. Other flyweight upsets were Danny Kid's win over Tanny Campo, Dai Dower's victory over Jake Tuli for the British Empire title, and Tuli's kayo at the hand of Leo Espinosa.

Which was the Year's biggest upset? You can take your pick. A poll of our staff showed not two of us with the same fight, so you see the boxing experts were rather upset in 1954.



Down and out goes Harold Johnson, top contender for light heavyweight honors, as Billy Smith connects in the second round of a scheduled 10 rounder at Philadelphia. Yep the experts picked this one wrong too.

1954 HIGHLIGHTS

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Orleans defeated Johnny Brown of Chicago. Roland Brown was the referee and Joe Brown and Eddie Brown, were the judges. The promoter was Curley Brown. Anyone want to top that?

Twice in one night, only the main event of a fight show was staged due to rain. In Newark on August 19, Jimmy Champagne of Philadelphia and Tim Jones were booked in the final. It started to rain so that bout was put on first. Jones won the decision. It poured for the rest of the evening and the promoter called off the rest of the card.

The same thing happened that same night at Ansonia, Conn. Barry Allison of Westover, Mass., and Calvin Davis of New York were billed as the headliners. They fought first due to rain and when the deluge continued, the rest of the card was cancelled.

It isn't often that a referee gets real tough in the ring especially when two heavyweights, one a 200-pound Irishman, are the opponents. But Referee Jack Silver did just that in the bout between Bill Tatum and Terry O'Connor which was on the undercard of the Ray Robinson come back appearance in Hamilton, Ontario. Silver didn't like the manner in which Tatum was handling himself after being floored. He accused the fighter of attempting to "lay down", and picked Tatum up bodily after Bill had taken a nine count, and shouted at him, "nobody's going to take a dive in my ring".

The fight went on and the decision was a split one, with Referee Silver voting for the man he pulled up from the floor and told to "keep fighting".

Tatum wasn't in shape", said his manager. He took the bout on short notice. Referee Silver thought enough of Tatum's showing after the knockdown to vote for him.

Many figures prominent in boxing passed into the Great Beyond during the year, the most prominent being George Bothner, Frank Erne, Battling Nelson, Rocky Kansas, Tiger Jack Fox, Billy Houck, Billy Haack and Harry Gordon. Here is a list:

Jan. 10—*At Buffalo, N. Y. Rocky (Rocco) Tozzo Kansas* 58, *former lightweight champion of the world died of cancer. Rocky won the title in* 1925 *and lost it the following year. He fought for over* 15 *years engaging in* 162 *bouts.*

Feb. 7—*At Chicago, Ill. Oscar (Battling) Nelson* 71, *former lightweight champion of the world. Nelson won the title in* 1908 *and lost it in* 1910. *He was a colorful figure in a colorful era. Nelson fought for* 21 *years.*

Mar. 22—*At New York. Jimmy Barton* 52, *a top notch battler in the bantamweight class during the twenties. He died of a heart attack.*

Mar. 29—*At Los Angeles, Calif. Harry Gordon,* 51. *A former star bantamweight and also a trainer, he shot himself.*

April 6—*At Spokane, Wash. Tiger Jack Fox,* 47. *One time leading light heavyweight and heavyweight contender dropped dead of a stroke. He had been in ill health for three years. Fox fought over* 200 *bouts during his* 15 *year ring career.*

Apr. 9—*At Calgary, Alta., Canada. Harry McLean* 23, *of Bathurst, was killed in a air crash while on way to fight Doug Harper for the Canadian light heavyweight title. McLean was unbeaten for two years previous to his death.*

Apr. 26—*At Pawtucket, R. I. Hugh Glancy,* 69, *a top featherweight who fought over* 200 *bouts between* 1900 *and* 1912 *died following a long illness.*

May 19—*At Riverdale, N. Y. Peter (Young Evans) Giudice* 68. *A welterweight boxer from* 1903 *to* 1909 *died following a long illness.*

June 17—*At Sydney, Australia. Tommy Uren Leichardt, middleweight who fought between* 1914 *and* 1930. *He was one of Australia's best.*

Aug. 15—*At New York, N. Y.—Charley Bennett,* 54, *veteran manager, matchmaker and promoter died of a heart attack.*

Sept. 5—*At New Orleans, La.—Remy Dorr,* 67, *well known fight manager, who managed Pete Herman to the world's bantamweight title.*

Sept. 8—*At Roslyn, N. Y.—Willie Houck, former star lightweight,* 65. *Houck who during his long career fought over* 370 *fights, retired in* 1926. *He had been ill for over a year.*

Sept. 17—*At New York, N. Y.—Frank Erne* 79, *former lightweight champion of the world. Erne won the title in* 1899 *and lost it in* 1902. *He was born in Zurich, Switzerland. He died following a long illness.*

Sept. 17—*At Flint, Mich.—Roger Bernard,* 47, *former top lightweight who fought* 307 *bouts from* 1924 *to* 1939. *He died of injuries received following a fall from a third floor hotel room.*

Sept. 23—*At Newark, N. J.—Louis (Banty Lewis) Novack,* 62. *A top notch welter and middleweight who fought from* 1912 *to* 1922 *was killed when struck by a truck while crossing the street.*

Sept. 23—*At Cleveland, O.—Harold (Carl) Delany,* 61, *a prominent lightweight who boxed from* 1906 *to* 1915. *He died following a short illness.*

Oct. 25—*At Boston, Mass.—Tommy McFarland,* 58. *Former boxer and member of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission died following a short illness.*

Nov. 5—*At London, England—Jack Goldswain,* 76.—*Former British lightweight and welterweight champion. Had* 24*-year-career in ring, starting in* 1896 *and ending in* 1919.

Nov. 11—*At Memphis, Tenn.—Billy Haack,* 76.—*Famous referee and boxing promoter. He died of a heart ailment. He refereed over* 10,000 *bouts during his* 30 *year career.*

Nov. 22—*New York—George Bothner, famous wrestler. He started as a boxer then turned to wrestling and won the world lightweight title. He defeated many of the world's best heavyweights. He was a referee and owner of Bothner's Gymnasium. He died at the age of* 87 *following a long illness.*

Dec. 9—*London, England, Dan Sullivan,* 73, *for more than a half-century an outstanding figure in British boxing as promoter, manager and referee.*

Dec. 11—*Westmount, Quebec, Canada —Johnny Greco, former Canadian welterweight champion was killed in an automobile accident when his car hit a tree and he broke his neck.*

TV ROUNDUP

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dleweight, was screened in eight of his fights and was presented on all five of the major network shows, fighting Joey Klein, Gustav Scholz, Joe Miceli, Carmen Basilio, Sauveur Chiocca, Gil Turner (twice) and Vince Martinez. He had twelve bouts in all.

His fight with the German middleweight, Scholz, presented from Madison Square Garden on March 26, was the first actual color-telecast of a fight. Though far from presenting a perfect picture of a fight, the experiment proved promising and several bouts are scheduled to be color telecast in 1955.

Joe Miceli, the Brooklyn welterweight turned in an unusual score during 1954, all seven of his televised bouts having been screened on Saturday Night Fights over ABC-TV. For the year he had a total of ten bouts. Miceli was seen opposing Wes Echols, Wallace (Bud) Smith (twice), Johnny Lombardo, Steve Marcello, Al Andrews and Pat Lowry.

Italo Scortichini, Cisco Andrade, Moses Ward and Joey Giardello were each in seven televised fights. Ralph (Tiger) Jones made it seven performances for the second year in a row. Six time performers on TV included Tommy Jackson, Bobby Dykes, Orlando Zulueta, Jesse Turner, Chico Varona, Lulu Perez, Bobby Jones, Carmen Basilio and Paul Andrews.

Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rican middleweight who made most TV appearances in 1953, nine, was screened only twice last year, both in losing performances. These, however, were his only bouts in America during 1954.

Kid Gavilan, in eight televised fights in 1953, was on TV but twice in 1954, both championship affairs and both losing ones for him, against middleweight king Bobo Olson and Johnny Saxton, who took the welterweight crown from him.

Danny Womber, Chicago welterweight, working before the cameras eight times in 1953, did not fight in 1954.

Pierre Langlois and Rocky Castellani, both of whom were seen on TV seven times in 1953 came through with four and two video fights, respectively, during 1954.

It was a busy year for boxing and television, with more fights screened, more fighters performing and more championships presented than ever before. It is estimated that fighters picked up $1,500,000 for the television rights to their fights in 1954.

Some fighters will tell you that television, with all its faults, has its good points—some one and a half million of them.

FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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reputation in the ring and out of it is not wholesome.

The Fighter of the Year also must have good public relations from every standpoint.

He must appeal to the youngsters of America, to his majesty the Growing American Boy, as a pattern. He must encourage in the kids of this country the desire to become expert in self defense, to achieve skills with the fists, to be game and aggressive against bullyism.

The Fighter of the Year must have a solid reputation for sportsmanship.

It is very gratifying that Marciano meets every one of these requirements as the 1954 Fighter of the Year of The Ring Magazine.

The Rock's popularity is tremendous. His personal appeal is powerful. His behavior as a boxer has been exemplary, and his conduct as a family man, as a husband and a father, has been ideal.

No less eligible on all the counts than Marciano are Olson and Moore.

Olson has won the hearts of our ring fans with his splended conduct as a fighter and a citizen.

Moore has intrigued our aficionados with his persistent and game battle in the face of odds. For years he could not achieve his proper place because he could not get any worthwhile fights.

It is a pleasure to note that Moore finally got his title chance because this magazine put up a fight for him.

Let it be stressed that the Fighter of the Year is chosen from among the boxers of the world.

Let it also be emphasized that he is picked not on the basis of his appeal in 1953 or 1952, not on what he may present in 1955, but solely and strictly for his qualifications on the basis of 1954.

Marciano had two title defenses in 1954, both against former champion Ezzard Charles.

The first of these encounters resulted in a 15 round decision for The Rock. The second one saw Marciano knock Charles out in the eight round.

Marciano is not one of the cleverest fighters the heavyweight class has produced. He has his shortcomings, and he would be the last to deny that fact. As a consequence, The Rock has his detractors.

"A good boxer with a punch will ruin the guy," these prophets of woe announced after Marciano had whipped Jersey Joe Walcott for the second time.

In getting the decision over Charles, Marciano outboxed a boxer, outfought a fighter, and outpunched a puncher.

In stopping Charles, the Brockton Buster scored a decisive triumph in the face of the tremendous handicaps of an eye cut and a split nose.

Marciano not only kept the heavyweight title, but he maintained popular interest in boxing, and set the tempo for ring progress.

With all respect for Charles and his abilities, the fact remains that if Ezzard had recovered the title, and done something no former heavyweight champion yet has achieved, the reaction would have been none too good for the sport.

Olson engaged in seven fights in 1954. He scored five knockouts, and gained two 15 round decisions.

The year saw Olson further demolish the aspersion that he was just a slapping fighter. He proved himself a well rounded, all around performer, with the ability to meet all styles of opposition.

Olson also further solidified his position with the TV viewers of fights, a consideration which is becoming more and more important.

Moore engaged in four fights during the year 1954. He scored knockout in three of them, after his fifteen round decision over Joey Maxim.

Archie stopped Bob Baker in nine, Bert Whitehurst in six, and most important of all, Harold Johnson in fourteen.

Moore is one of the all-time wonders of the professional ring. At his age, he would be expected to retire to some quiet, profitable chicken- in the- basket operation.

But there he is, still fighting, still punching, still too good for a much younger, supposedly up and coming rival like Johnson.

Marciano, Olson, Moore. A noble trio, reflecting credit on 1954 as the producer of their high qualifications for The Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year.

DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY

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It is therefore worth recording the tremendous drop in fatalities since Medical Advisory Boards took over. They have instituted exacting health and safety precautions which, if continued faithfully, will keep ring deaths down to a minimum in a contact sport in which severe injury cannot be avoided.

When fatalities reached a new high, the hue and cry went up for the elimination of boxing. And with 22 deaths in 1953, quick action had to be taken to curb public clamor. That's when the New York Commission placed the new mat into use and ordered head examinations and automatic suspensions of knocked out boxers. In addition, the Commission in New York arranged for special supervision of boxers in training with the result that not one fatality has been recorded in the Empire State since September 2, 1951 when George Flores died.

A step in the right direction had been made and to the credit of the New York Medical Advisory Board, its suggestions and recommendations were adopted by other state bodies. Closer cooperation among the state commissions, with working agreements making it impossible for suspended boxers who are physically unfit from performing in one region though barred in another, has helped considerably to reduce ring fatalities and injuries to the low level reached in 1954.

When the service men returned from Korea in the various parts of the world they were physically unfit to engage in the strenuous sport of boxing. Many boxers, who had been called into the services, returned eager to get back into the fold. They didn't wait to train properly. Their aim was to accumulate as much money as they could in as short a space as possible and professional pugilism offered them the easiest means to do so.

The result? Many injuries and a load of fatalities.

Too many boxers were granted licenses to resume their previous vocation without having been properly examined to see if they were physically fit to carry on, this despite the fact that they had served in the armed forces where strenuous training is always part of the daily program. But it is a different kind of training from that which is required by a boxer.

That's where the commissions made their greatest mistake and, as a result, human lives were taken far beyond what would have happened had the present system of thorough examinations and the safety guards adopted during the past two years been in effect then.

Here is a resume of fatalities, professional and amateur, both in the United States and in foreign countries, for the past thirty-six years, from 1919 through 1954.

1918—1 death—No pros—1 amateur. Both in the U. S.

1919—1 Amateur death in the U. S.

1920—1 professional death in Europe.

1921—2 deaths in the professional ranks, one in Europe and one in U. S.

1922—3 deaths, all amateurs, 1 abroad and 2 in the U. S.

1923—1 professional died in Europe.

1924—1 professional died in Europe.

1925—6 deaths, all professionals, 3 in the U. S. and 3 abroad.

1926—4 professionals, all in the U. S.

1927—1 death—a professional, in the U. S.

1928—4 deaths—all foreign—1 amateur and 3 pros.

1929—9 deaths—7 professionals, 2 amateurs. All foreign except 1 amateur in U. S.

1930—10 deaths, all in the U. S.—7 pros and 3 amateurs.

1931—3 deaths—all in the U. S., all professionals.

1932—4 deaths—1 in the U. S. and 3 foreign—1 amateur and 3 professionals.

1933—6 deaths—all in the U. S.—1 amateur and 5 pros.

1934—2 deaths—1 foreign and 1 in the U. S.—both professionals.

1935—1 death in the U. S.—an amateur.

1936—6 deaths, all in the U. S.—5 pros and 1 amateur.

1937—2 deaths, both in the U. S.—both professionals.

1938—3 deaths, 2 in U. S. and 1 foreign—1 professional and 2 amateurs.

1939—1 death—a professional in the U. S.

1940—4 deaths—1 pro and 3 amateurs, 1 in the U. S. and 3 foreign.

1941—4 deaths—all pros—2 in the U. S. and 2 foreign.

1942—5 deaths—4 pros and 1 amateur—4 in the U. S. and 1 foreign.

1943—3 deaths—all pros—all in the U. S.

1944—2 deaths—both pros—both in the U. S.

1945—6 deaths—3 pros and 3 amateurs—all in the U. S.

1946—14 deaths—11 pros and 3 amateurs—11 in the U. S. and 3 foreign.

1947—11 deaths—6 pros and 5 amateurs—7 in the U. S. and 4 foreign.

1948—14 deaths—9 pros and 5 amateurs—8 in the U. S. and 6 abroad.

1949—18 deaths—12 pros and 6 amateurs—9 in the U. S. and 9 foreign.

1950—11 deaths—7 pros and 4 amateurs—4 in U. S. and 7 foreign.

1951—12 deaths—3 pros and 9 amateurs—5 in U. S. and 7 foreign.

1952—17 deaths—8 pros and 9 amateurs—4 in U. S. and 13 abroad.

1953—22 deaths—12 pros and 10 amateurs—8 in U. S. and 14 foreign.

1954—6 deaths—three amateurs and three pro—two foreign and four in U. S.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

ANOTHER colorful old-timer departed this man's restless world when Billy Haack, 76, died recently in his native Memphis, Tenn.

Until he drifted out of the trade a quarter-century ago, Haack was one of the nation's best-known and most successful promoters, and he made Memphis a popular spot with the fistic fraternity. There were very few top ringmen who didn't fight for Billy at some time or another—and many of the good 'uns, champions included, fought for him often.

Quite a character, Billy Haack, and something of a civic institution in his old home town. An enthusiastic sportsman, Billy was active in baseball, operated bowling alleys, and spent much of his leisure time hunting and fishing.

It was about 1908 that Haack began promoting fights in a drafty old barn dignified with the title "Phoenix Arena." When the joint burned down some years later, he shifted to the Lyric Theatre, and eventually to the Auditorium.

A partial list of the headliners Haack brought to Memphis would include the names of Dixie Kid, Sam Langford, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast, Johnny Coulon, Abe Attell, Packey McFarland, Jack Britton, Battling Levinsky, Harry Wills, Freddie Welsh, Jack Dillon, Mike and Tom Gibbons, Frankie Burns, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Johnny Kilbane, Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Young Stribling, Sammy Mandell, Tiger Flowers and Primo Carnera.

Haack helped to develop many a good local kid in those lively days. Probably the best was Memphis Pal Moore.

Billy did his own refereeing, and built up such a fine reputation he was frequently invited to handle bouts in other southern localities. It was estimated that during his lively career he referred more than 10,000 fights.

Haack quit the trade in 1929, and retired to the less exciting routine of a county tax assessor. But he continued to keep in touch with ring developments and in 1937 was persuaded to team with his son, Billy, Jr., and take another whirl at promoting. A few cards were staged in the Auditorium, but interest in boxing was on the wane in Memphis by then, and the shows didn't fare too well financially. So Billy quit again, this time for keeps.

IF Percy Bassett ever gets the notion he'd like to become an author, he could do a good yarn on himself and call it "Frustration."

When Sandy Saddler was hauled into the Army early in 1952, the National Boxing Association thought it a good idea to have an "interim champion" to help keep interest alive in the featherweight division until Sandy returned to civilian circulation. The "interim champion" not only would fill in for Saddler during his absence, but would automatically be recognized as the No. 1 challenger when Sandy was ready to resume his leather-tossing career.

Bassett earned the official blessing of the N.B.A. as our best featherweight, and the European Boxing Union went along with the plan by nominating Ray Famechon as its entry.

For the showdown, Bassett journeyed over to Paris and stopped Famechon.

Percy held the "interim title" until Saddler, returning from a hitch in Germany, began ring operations just a year ago.

It was generally expected that Sandy, after a few "tune-up" bouts, would be matched with Bassett. But Percy wasn't to get his chance that easily. Instead, he was asked to meet Lulu Perez in an "elimination match" in Madison Square Garden. The winner *positively* would be given a crack at Saddler.

Bassett won, battering Perez so badly Lulu "retired" in his corner after the eleventh round of a scheduled twelve-rounder.

Was Percy given the match with Saddler? He was not. Sandy, continuing to bounce around the map on his "tune-up" schedule, was in no hurry to meet the Philadelphian. After eight bouts—five in the United States, two in Venezuela and one in France—Sandy still wasn't "ready" to defend the title. But, he said, he might consider meeting the winner of a Bassett-Teddy (Red Top) Davis bout.

So Percy became involved in another "final eliminator." This time he wasn't so fortunate. Davis whipped him in a twelve-rounder in the Garden.

Now Bassett is out of the title scene altogether. But he can be philosophical about it. He doesn't have to worry about his next "final eliminator". He's passed that headache along to Teddy Davis. Red Top ought to be good for three or four of them before he, too, gets eliminated, and Saddler continues gaily on his "tune-up" tour. The last time Sandy put his title on the line was September 26, 1951, when he ended his series with Willie Pep here. At his present pace, he won't be due to defend it again until Septembr 26, 1958.

SHORT JOLTS. . . . His fistic activities having become so diversified and widespread, Sid Flaherty, manager of Carl (Bobo) Olson and a mob of lesser entries, has incorporated himself in California. From now on, he'll function as the "Sid Flaherty Boxing Enterprises, Inc." . . . The new setup will enable Sid and his troupe to save on taxes, and, as a corporation, individuals will be exempt from possible court judgments. Boxers will be "hired" and paid on a weekly basis, and a pension plan is being drawn up to assure them of incomes after retiring.

On the subject of busy "stables", what wouldn't some of our leading managers give for the one so capably handled by Philippe Filippi of Paris! As representative of the official managers, Filippi recently maneuvered Charley Humez into the European middleweight title, and in his own menage are three of the best young developments on the Continent—lightweight Seraphin Ferrer, featherweight Cherif Hamia and bantamweight Hilaire Pratesi. All three are rated good bets to keep Humez company as European champions within another year. . . . Incidentally, Humez must have been in devastating form to demolish Tiberio Mitri so quickly and emphatically in Milan. It capped a spectacular "comeback" campaign by Charley, who looked to be "washed up" a year ago. It was a smart move on his part to leave his little mining village, where it was difficult to train properly, and move to Paris where he had the advantages of intelligent supervision and the right sort of sparring partners.

With boxing practically extinct in his territory, which embraces the central and northeastern section of the state, we hear that George Jones of Williamsport will not bother to seek reappointment to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission when his present term expires. Jones put in twelve years on the job, serving through three political

administrations. Among those mentioned as probable successor is Jimmy Slavin, of Wilkes-Barre, former boxer and current wrestling promoter.

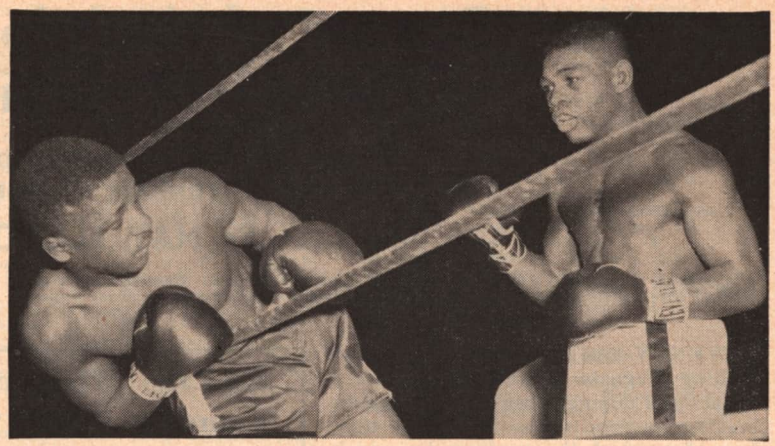
Speaking of boxing commissions, there is talk along Broadway that popular Pat Callahan may be moved up shortly on the New York board. Next to Inspector Harvey Dunlap, who has been with the Commission since pro boxing returned to New York in 1920, Callahan is the senior veteran of the organization. As a deputy commissioner, he has seen more than twenty years' service, and if there is anything about this business he doesn't know, it just isn't worth knowing. Plus which, he's a grand guy personally.

THE month's results:

Outboxing his opponent at long range and holding his own in rugged head-to-head exchanges, Hector Constance, 153, Trinidad, turned in one of the season's finest all-around performances in taking the decision from Ralph Jones, 161, Yonkers, in a rousing ten in Madison Square Garden. The British West Indian, actually a welterweight, but "built up" into a middleweight for the occasion, was too fast and versatile for the rugged, plodding Jones. In the early rounds Constance gave a neat exhibition of boxing, using his speed and a snappy left jab to outclass his slower opponent, but in the fourth he began to fight Jones at the latter's slugging game, and despite the disadvantages in weight and strength he proved more than equal to the assignment. George Berry, 134, Gary, Ind., used Pat Mallane, 136, Union City, Conn., as a punching bag in the semi-final eight. Though he hit Mallane with everything in the book, including the cover, Berry was unable to put the gritty Nutmeg Stater off his feet until the last round. Taking the mandatory eight-count, Pat just about lasted to the final bell. In another eight, Frank Ippolito, 138, Bronx, won from Anthony Puleo, 136, Brooklyn. In fours, Jimmy Scalero, 139½, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Johnny Lorenzo, 140½, Bronx, and Tommy Bain, 129½, Indianapolis, drew with Norman Hutchins, 125½, Trenton, N. J. Attendance was estimated at 1,800 and the gross gate at $5,500.

Although he lost the decision in his American debut, Peter Muller, 155½, Germany, made a decided hit with the local citizenry by his aggressive, club-fighting style in a free-punching ten with Gene Fullmer, 155¼, Bingham, Utah, at Eastern Parkway Arena. The German, who fights as though he really enjoys it, carried the action to Fullmer most of the way, but the unbeaten Utahan, scoring his twenty-sixth straight win, had just a bit too much speed and too many awkward combinations for him. Fullmer jolted Muller repeatedly with looping rights to the head, but the German shook them off, came back punching, and did some effective scoring himself with short rights to the head and body. Despite his win, Fullmer didn't look quite as impressive as he did the previous week against Jackie LaBua, probably because he was up against tougher opposition this time. Gene is crude and clumsy in many of his moves, but his lack of finesse is offset by strength, stamina and enthusiasm for the job. Ray Drake, 159¼, Brooklyn, outfought Joe (Rocky) Tomasello, 159½, Keyport, N. J., in a bruising semi-final eight. Wayne Bethea, 194¼, Bronx, outmauled Robert Graves, 212, Kingsport, Tenn., in a cumbersome six. In fours, Tony DeCola, 134, Brooklyn, won from Guy Roma, 133¾, Newark, and Angelo DeFendis, 166, Brooklyn, decisioned Willis Boyd, 164, Chicago.

With an 8½-pound pull in the weights, Italo Scortichini, 154½, Italy, seemed lucky to get a split decision over Luther Rawlings, 146, Chicago, in a fairly lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Both judges voted for Scortichini, but Referee Ray Miller appeared closer to the actual score when he tabbed for Rawlings. The lanky Chicagoan set the pace most of the way, scoring steadily with left jabs and short rights, while Scortichini, in his skittery style, would scamper backwards, suddenly cut loose with a brief flurry, then dive into a clinch and use his weight to push the lighter Rawlings around. Apparently the Italian's spasmodic offensive outbursts were more eye-catching to the judges than Rawlings' less spectacular but more consistent point-collecting. Immediately after the bout, Luther headed for Chicago and induction into the Army. Waddell Hanna, 177½, Philadelphia, outpunched Shirley Pembleton, 180, Allentown, in an all-Pennsylvania semi-final eight. Frankie Madison, 136, Bronx, won from Maxie Atwater, 138½, Hartford, Conn., in six. In fours, Tim Jones, 157, Plainfield, drew with a fellow-Jerseyan, Stanley Micheaux, 157¾, Rahway; Art Miller, 178½, Harlem, was credited with a kayo when Jackie Harris, 181, Troy, failed to come out for the third, and Frank LaPola, 160, Orange, N. J., stopped Jack Hong, 159, Astoria, at 1:09 of the second.



Percy Bassett (left) is punched through the ropes by Teddy (Red Top) Davis during their twelve-round bout in Madison Square Garden. By losing decision, Bassett finally was eliminated from the chase for a crack at Sandy Saddler's world featherweight title.

Meeting up with tougher opposition than expected, Rinzy Nocero, 159½, Brooklyn, edged out a close decision over Tommy Dixon, 155½, Long Island City, in a gruelling eight at Sunnyside Garden. Had Nocero been content to box at long range, he probably would have been an easy winner, but he preferred to slug, and those tactics were more to Dixon's liking. The bout developed into a real back-alley brawl, and Dixon proved a stubborn party for Nocero to handle. The decision gave the up-and-coming Brooklyn youngster a record of twenty-five wins in twenty-six pro starts. (His only defeat was subsequently squared away in a return bout.) In two other eights, both rugged sockfests, Bobby Moore, 163½, Newark, was a bit too agile for Irwin Schulz, 166, Yorkville, and Ernie Roberts, 144½, Harlem, punched it out on even terms with Earl Dennis, 142½, Wilmington, Del. In a pair of lively fours, Billy Warren, 141, outfought a fellow-Brooklynite, Ronnie Kleinfeldt, 143½, and Steve Proko, 140, East Side, had the better of Morris Houdnett, 141, Brooklyn. The show, sponsored by the Metropolitan Boxing Alliance, attracted 1,600 paying clients and gross receipts of $3,123.

The simplest explanation for the woefully inept showing of Jimmy Slade, 175, Harlem, against Floyd Patterson, 169¼, Brooklyn, in their eight-rounder in Madison Square Garden was that Slade, overwhelmed by the youngster's opening blitz, never recovered. Accustomed to bigger but slower opponents, Slade apparently wasn't prepared for the speed and fury of Patterson's lightning start. Before Jimmy knew what happened, he was lost in a storm of flying leather. Rights and lefts bounced off his chin in bewildering rapidity, and twice the Harlemite crashed to the canvas before the first round ended. Whatever fight Slade may have had was knocked out of him in those violent three minutes, and from then on he fought as though in a fog. He was down again in the second round and bleeding from nose and mouth when he stumbled to his corner. In the third he was battered through the ropes and barely got back in time to beat the count. From then, frantic back-pedaling kept Slade on his feet, but in the eighth he went down again for the fifth time in the affair. He was near exhaustion at the final bell. Dennis Pat Brady, 140½, Bronx, was a bit too ringwise for young Johnny Busso, 140½, East Side, in a rough semi-final eight. Tommy Barto, 139¾, Pittsburgh, beat Gaspar Ortega, 141, Mexico, in another eight. In fours, Armand Bush, 139¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Bobby Douglas, 139½, Philadelphia, and Benny Artist, 135¾, Brooklyn, won from a borough rival, Claude Norwood, 137. Attendance 3,325; gross gate $9,160.

Those who prefer their fist-fighting in plain, primitive terms, without fancy frills and flashy touches, had their cravings well taken care of by Billy McNeece, 165½, Central Islip, and Ted Olla, 164, Superior, Wis., in a non-stop, free-punching ten at Eastern Parkway. McNeece grabbed the decision, but needed a savage last-round rally to do it. Aside from the young Long Islander's occasional attempts to jab, the bout was strictly a Pier 6 brawl, with both boys winging away merrily, taking turns at clobbering each other. Despite the gruelling pace and lusty punching, neither rival seemed in serious trouble at any time, although both were repeatedly staggered. McNeece was cut on the forehead in the second, and Olla's nose bled from the third on. It was a ding-dong affair all the way, and anybody's fight going into the last round. Surviving some rough moments early in that session, McNeece came back to outfight Olla in a rousing finale that decided the issue in his favor. Gene Poirer, 145½, Niagara Falls, N. Y., won from Sonny Lord, 150, Harlem, in a busy semi-final six. Joe Wamsley, 130½, West Side, decisioned Frankie Madison, 134, Bronx, in another six. A pair of Puerto Ricans were beaten in fours, Frederico Escalero, 143, losing to Gale Kerwin, 138, Valley Stream, and Cecil Barbosa, 126, dropping a verdict to Jerry Almos, 131, Brooklyn. In another four, Tommy Kirk, 150, Philadelphia, whipped Jack Randolph, 154, Harlem.

Substituting for world champion Archie Moore, No. 1 light-heavy title contender Boardwalk (formerly Oakland) Billy Smith, 173½, Atlantic City, had a real fight on his hands before disposing of Archie McBride, 184, Trenton, N. J., with only two seconds remaining of the ninth round at St. Nicholas Area. With weaving, crowding tactics, the heavier McBride didn't give the sharpshooting Smith much punching room during the early going, and he made Billy's problems all the tougher by using his weight to good advantage in the clinches. But Smith, boxing cooly and picking his spots, finally found an opening at the start of the seventh. A whistling right to the chin meant trouble for McBride, and within a minute he was down twice. Although Billy tried desperately to make it three-downs-and-out, Archie gamely fought his way through the rest of the round. Smith seemed to be tiring in the eighth and McBride staged a strong comeback, but midway through the ninth Billy found another opening for his right, and that was the beginning of the end. Stumbling up after a nine-count, McBride was reeling drunkenly on the ropes when Referee Mark Conn called a halt. Wayne Bethea, 193½, Bronx, won from Ricco Hackney, 189, Long Island City, in the semi-final, staged after the main event and cut from eight rounds to four. Bertram Bailey, 145½, Bronx, outpointed Henry W. Smith, 143¼, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Eddie Lynch, 151, West Side, decisioned Leo Kearney, 149, Bronx; Stanley Bice, 138½, Toronto, won from Johnny Gorman, 138½, Brooklyn, and Danny Mendoza, 135, West Side, stopped Ricky Montel, 137, Bronx, at 1:50 of the fourth.

In what was advertised as another "final eliminator" to determine an opponent for Champion Sandy Saddler, who hadn't defended his world title in three and a half years, the veteran Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 126, Hartford, Conn., uncovered one of his finest boxing exhibitions to whip Percy Bassett, 126, Philadelphia, in a busy but unexciting twelve in Madison Square Garden. The aggressive, hard-hitting Bassett set the pace most of the way, but shifty Davis was too smooth a mechanic for him. Red Top piled up points with a snappy left and fast two-handed combinations to the head and body, but his punches were of the feather-duster species, and Bassett wasn't in serious trouble at any time. In the semi-final eight, Ike Chestnut, 126, Harlem, had too much of a left hand for Frankie Sodano, 130, Philadelphia. In another eight, George Collins, 138, Elmhurst, was given a disputed decision over the clownish but entertaining Nur

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How Boxers *of the* World *are* Rated *by* "THE RING" Magazine *for* 1954

Saxton Only Champion Not Rated No. 1 In "The Ring's" ranking of world boxers for 1954

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TWENTY-EIGHT years ago, The Ring Magazine started to rate world boxers and during those years, its rankings have stood up so well that they have furnished the medium by which promoters made their matches. These ratings are based on the performances of the men during the year and on such records only one champion has failed to be ranked top performer in his group for 1954.

Johnny Saxton, who gained the decision over Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia to win the world welterweight title, is the lone pugilist who as title holder, has failed to gain recognition as the best in his division. That honor in his class goes to Carmen Basilio who throughout the year ranked top contender but didn't get an opportunity to fight for the crown.

When Saxton dethroned Gavilan his victory aroused considerable criticism and his poor showing in that contest, coupled with that against Johnny Bratton and his draw with Johnny Lombardo lost for him the honors that usually go with a title in our annual selections. Both Basilio and Gavilan are ranked above him. Saxton is listed third.

No fights of a previous year are considered in making up "The Ring's" Annual Ratings nor are suppositions, sentiment or friendship involved. It is an overall ranking for one full year.

Based on their performances, Rocky Marciano stands out by himself in the heavyweight division; Archie Moore is in a class by himself in the light heavyweight sector and Bobo Olson holds down a similar post in the middleweight class.

In the other divisions Jimmy Carter is Number One among the lightweights; Sandy Saddler heads all in the feather class; Robert Cohen tops the bantams and Pascual Perez is the best among the flyweights.

In travels around the world the writer has seen more boxers perform than any other expert. The majority of those listed numerically in our annual rankings, are boxers who were seen by the writer, with the result that he is in a position to compare their ability with that of our best talent. And with his knowledge of foreign fighters and the aid of an efficient Ring staff—consisting of my co-workers and correspondents—the compilation presented to our readers is as accurate a guage of world talent as can be obtained.

What is offered by The Ring, is based not on heresay, not on what might have happened had the judges given a fighter a "just" verdict, but on the actual performances as officially accepted by the ruling boxing bodies. Knowledge of the fighter's ability from first hand information gathered through accurately kept office tabulations and travels of "The Ring" Editor to almost every part of the world where boxing is followed, helps greatly toward accuracy and justice.

In our grading of the world boxers, as in the past twenty-seven years, we have listed those who stood out prominently in their division but retired during the year after having fought part of the twelve months.

If a boxer stood out so prominently in his division that he far outclassed the field, he was classified in a group by himself.

Where a fighter fought in more than one class, as did Archie Moore, Joey Maxim, Jimmy Slade, and Al Andrews, he was placed in the division in which he did the most boxing.

Archie Moore, who fought and licked the best of the heavies and defended his light heavyweight crown twice, against Maxim and Harold Johnson, is ranked in the division over which he reigns as king though I believe he has the best chance to whip Rocky Marciano and should get the opportunity to fight him.

Maxim, in his fight with Andrews, scaled 189½ pounds and Paul Andrews 180, yet they are both classified in the light heavy ratings because that's the class in which they fought most during the year.

Numerical ratings have been given to those who have been topnotch performers during the year, especially those who have been headliners on TV shows. In these numerical rankings, the men are listed according to their standing as contenders and where they are grouped, the listing indicates that those within this group are about on a par with only a small difference separating one from the others.

How the 1954 Leaders Compare With 1953's

HERE is a comparison of the No. 1 boxers in the latest world rankings and the runners-up and those of the previous year.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

1953—Rocky Marciano, Champion, and Nino Valdes.
1954—Rocky Marciano, Champion, and Nino Valdes.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

1953—Archie Moore, Champion, and Harold Johnson.
1954—Archie Moore, Champion, and Billy Smith.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1953—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Champion, and Randy Turpin.
1954—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Champion, and Joey Giardello.

WELTERWEIGHTS

1953—Kid Gavilan, Champion, and Carmen Basilio.
1954—Carmen Basilio and Kid Gavilan.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1953—Jimmy Carter, Champion, and and Wallace (Bud) Smith.
1954—Jimmy Carter, Champion, and Paddy De Marco.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

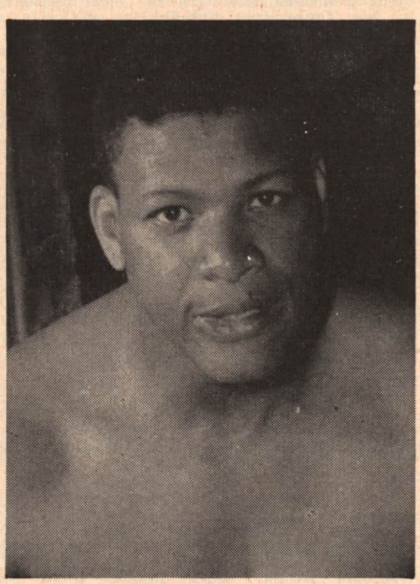
1953—Sandy Saddler, Champion, and Teddy (Red Top) Davis.
1954—Sandy Saddler, Champion, and Teddy (Red Top) Davis.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

1953—Jimmy Carruthers, Champion, and Vic Toweel.
1954—Robert Cohen, Champion, and Raton Macias.

FLYWEIGHTS

1953—Yoshio Shirai, Champion, and Jake Tuli.
1954—Pascual Perez, Champion, and Yoshio Shirai.



NINO VALDES

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

Group I

1—Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

Group II

1—Nino Valdes, Havana, Cuba
2—Don Cockell, England
3—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
4—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Earl Walls, Canada
6—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
7—Jimmy Slade, New York
8—Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N. Y.
9—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
10—Charley Norkus, Jersey City, N. J.
11—Roland La Starza, New York City
12—Johnny Williams, England

Group III

1—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Bill Gilliam, Orange, N. J.
3—Coley Wallace, New York
4—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash. (Retired)
5—Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles, Cal.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Arthur, Johnny, South Africa; Baksi, Joe, Kulpmont, Pa.; Bascom, Wes, St. Louis, Mo.; Bean, Willie, Los Angeles, Calif.; Beshore, Freddy, Los Angeles, Calif.

Brady, Ken, Australia; Brion, Cesar, Argentina; Byrne, Jimmy, Portland, Ore.; Carter, Harold, Linden, N. J.; Cavicchi, Franco, Italy; Davidson, Embrell, Detroit, Mich.

Gardner, Jack, England; Hall, Henry, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Henry, Clarence, Los Angeles, Calif.; Holman, John, Chicago, Ill.; Johansson, Ingemar, Sweden.

James, Willie, Boston, Mass.; Kohlbrecher, Wilson, Germany; Parker, James J, Paterson, N. J.; Romero, Edgardo, Argentina.

Sanders, Ed, San Diego, Calif.; Schiegl, Kurt, Austria; Sys, Karel, Belgium; Ten Hoff, Hein, Germany.

Whitehurst, Bert, Baltimore, Md.; Weigand, Werner, Germany; Williams, Charlie (Doc), Newark, N. J.; Wright, Chubby, Reading, Pa.

Class B

Adams, Ansel, Trinidad; Albright, Bob, Los Angeles; Ameisbichler, Karl, Austria; Bray, Henry, Fiji Islands.

Breshears, Harley, Parma, Idaho; Brixon, Gene, Sand Point, Ida.; Buford, Frankie, Oakland, Cal.; Butler, Calvin, Cleveland, O.; Bygraves, Joe, England; Cartwright, James, San Francisco, Cal.; Dunlap, Gonzales, Jose, Spain; Bob, Oakland, Cal.

Erskine, Joe, Wales; Eugene, Robert, Belgium; Folley, Zora, Chandler, Ariz.; Gardner, Bob, England; De John, Mike, Syracuse, N. Y.

Hall, Toxie, Chicago, Ill.; Hammer, Ken, Detroit, Mich.; Johnson, Young Jack, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jones, Gene, Camden, N. J.

Jones, Reuben, Norfolk, Va.; Keith, Chub, Australia; King, Howard, Reno, Nevada; Liston, Charley (Sonny), St. Louis, Mo.; McBride, Archie, Trenton, N. J.

McMurtry, Pat, Tacoma, Wash.; Mederos, Julio, Havana, Cuba; Newkirk, Gil, New York, N. Y.; Nurnberg, Gunther, Germany; Pharo, Oscar, Birmingham, Ala.

Peaks, Sid, Charlestown, Ind.; Powell, Charlie, San Diego, Calif.; Quentemeyer, Henk, Holland; Ragus, Dave, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Reed, J. B., Fairfield, Calif.; Roberts, F. D. (Bing), San Antonio, Texas.

Salfeld, Hugh, Germany; Simmons, Keene, Bayonne, N. J.; Summerlin, Johnny, Detroit, Mich.; Templer, Simon, British Guinea.

Thomas, Benny, Memphis, Tenn.; Turner, Howard, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; Valdes, Cecilio, Cuba; Walls, Jimmy, Englewood, N. J.; Welsh, Neal, Toledo, O.

Whitlock, Dave, San Francisco, Calif.; Williams, Alan, Australia; Williams, Cleveland, Tampa, Fla.; Williams, Jake, Portland, Ore.; Willis, Bo, Miami, Fla.; Wilson, Willie, Providence, R. I.

Class C

Adams, Al, Jackson, Mich.; Amos, Bob, Dayton, O.; Anderson, Gil, Richmond, Cal.; Anderson, Henry, Newark, N. J.; Ansaloni, Rinaldo, Argentine; Antonio, Felix, Dayton, O.; Bacilieri, Uber, Italy.

Belanger, Morris, Fall River, Mass.; Bethea, Wayne, New York; Bolin, Cesar, Trenton, N. J.; Brown, Alex, Paoli, Pa.; Brown, Claude, Cropper, Ky.

Brown, Dick, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Brown, Fred, Seattle, Wash.; Brown, Gene, Omaha, Neb.; Brown, Joe Louis, Chicago, Ill.

Brtko, Emil, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Burke, Billy, Providence, R. I.; Burrell, Jesse, New York; Burt, Phil, Australia.

Cab, Ernie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Carlos, Young, Providence, R. I.; Chambers, Cal, Sacramento, Cal.; Church, Chuck, Lansing, Mich.; Costello, Pat, Oakland, Cal.

Cousins, Johnny, Newark, N. J.; Cowan, Frankie, Waterville, N. Y.; Cox, Calvin, San Francisco, Cal.; Culbertson, Baby Dutch, Los Angeles, Cal.

Davis, Jimmy, Detroit, Mich.; Davis, Teddy, Tacoma, Wash.; DeGrazio, Joe, Philadelphia, Pa.

DeLeon, Ponce, Salt Lake City, Utah; Demers, Tommy, Sandpoint, Id.; Dieski, Steve, Phidadelphia, Pa.; DiLenge, Jimmy, New York; Donald, Ted, Marrero, La.; Dukes, Isaac, Baltimore, Md.

Edwards, Elijah, Palatka, Fla.; Evans, Joy, Cleveland, O.

Farleight, Alfred, Los Angeles, Calif.; Flood, Frank, Pueblo, Colo.

Gagliardo, Tony, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Garro, Rick, San Jose, Cal.; Gioseffi, Frank, New York.

Golden, Bob, Denver, Colo.; Graham, Pete (Buddy), Detroit, Mich.; Graves, Bob, New York; Gray, Johnny, Boston, Mass.

Hackney, Rico, New York; Haines, Earl, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hart, LeRoy, Longview, Wash.; Harvey, I. H. (Sporty), San Antonio, Tex.; Hawkins, Henry, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henderson, L. M. (Butch), Galveston, Tex.; Hicks, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Holmes, Louis, New York; Hoye, Johnny, New York; Hunter, Al, Detroit, Mich.; Isler, Bob, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Johnson, Fred, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnson, Leo, Charlotte, N. C.; Keener, Bill (Buddy), New York; Kelley, Harland, Los Angeles, Cal.

Kelly, Al, Harrisburg, Pa.; Kennedy, Curt, Spokane, Wash.; Kennedy, George, Oakland, Cal.; Kuhlmeier, Carl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lessard, Ray, Brockton, Mass.; Lincoln, Amos (Sugar), Portland, Ore.; Little, Bill, Morton, Wash.; Lovett, Larry, Bell Glade, Fla.

McHenry, Ernie, Los Angeles, Cal.; McPherson, Sandy, New York; Mason, Joey, Cleveland, O.; Masonovich, Johnny, Butte, Mont.

Mathias, Bill, Eureka, Cal.; Maxson, Chuck, Portland, Ore.; Minter, John, Detroit, Mich.; Moray, Dan, Cleveland, O.

Nelson, Jack, Salt Lake City, Utah; Norton, Richie, Stamford, Conn.; O'Bannon, Bob, Louisville, Ky.; Orgen, Johnny, New York.

Pappas, Billy, Reading, Pa.; Pembleton, Shirley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pearce, Lee, Palatka, Fla.

Rischer, Roger, Oakland, Cal.; Robinson, Walter, San Francisco, Cal.; Rogalle, Elle, New York; Ross, Chuck, Portland, Ore.; Ryan, Jack, Cranston, R. I.

Sanchez, Joe, Baltimore, Md.; Saucer, Kid, Washington, D. C.; Scheberries, Jack, San Jose, Cal.; Schwender, Dick, Seattle, Wash.; Scott, Frank, Eugene, Ore.

Scott, Gil, Steubenville, O.; Seals, Kirby, San Diego, Cal.; Sherman, Bob, Los Angeles, Cal.; Shields, Johnny, Washington, D. C.

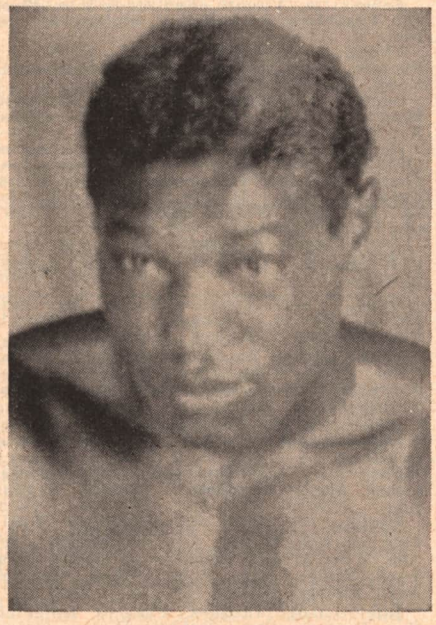
Smith, Don, Louisville, Ky.; Smith, Frank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Smith, Ruben, Seattle, Wash.; Syers, Charley (Chuck), Wichita, Kan.

Tate, Howard, Canton, O.; Taylor, Jack, Newark, N. J.; Thomas, Ike, New York; Thompson, Gene, Los Angeles, Cal.; Thrasher, Lou, Boston, Mass. Tisdale, Billy, Bridgeport, Conn.

Vanderford, Dan, Union, S. C.; Viola, Pat, Austin, Tex.; Washington, George, Brooklyn, N. Y.; White, Gene, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wiley, Jim, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wilkerson, Willie, Detroit, Mich.; Williams, Johnny, Bremerton, Wash.; Williams, Rue, New York; Wilson, Big Bill, Charlotte, N. C.; Wilson, Reuben, Los Angeles, Cal.; Winn, Al, Vallejo, Cal.

Winston, Leon, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Woods, George, Los Angeles, Cal.; Woods, Tommy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Yantcey, Oba, Santa Ana, Tex.; Yates, Kenny, Miami, Fla.



BILLY SMITH

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 Pounds)
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.

Group I

1—Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.

Group II

1—Billy Smith, Atlantic City, N. J.
2—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.
6—Marty Marshall, Detroit, Mich.
7—Gerhard, Hecht, Germany
8—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B. W. I.
9—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
10—Willie Hoepner, Germany

Group III

1—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla. (Retired)
2—Jacques Hairabedian, France (Retired)
3—Esau Ferdinand, San Francisco, Calif.
4—Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.

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Class A

Barton, Ron, England; Brown, Mel, St. Paul, Minn.; Buxton, Alex, England; Daniels, Frankie, Bakersfield, Cal.; Durelle, Yvon, Bai St. Anne, N. B., Can.; Finch, Albert, England; Gannon, Joe, Washington, D. C.; Grant, Don, Los Angles, Cal.

Hanna, Wadell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Hughes, Warren, Ohio; Keith, Chub, New Zealand; LaMotta, Jake, New York; Saxton, Phil, Elizabeth, N. J.; Smith, Ed (Polly), Bermuda; Snoek, Wim, Holland.

Class B

Anders, Brian, England; Besmanoff, William, Germany; Calaman, Ted, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cemulini, Luigi, Toronto, Can.; Chapman, Claude, Aiken, S. C.; Charity, Burl, Youngstown, O.; Charity, Earl, Youngstown, O.

Chris, Max, Toole, Utah; Colin, Charles, France; Crane, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Curl, Jimmy, San Antonio, Tex.; Diminie, Luigi, Belgium; Dorsey, Joe, New Orleans, La.

Edelman, Marvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Farthing, Bruce, Australia; Fifield, Billy, Toronto, Can.; Finley, Dick, Long Beach, Cal.; Fontana, Ivano, Italy; Green, Jumpin' Joe, Asheville, N. C.

Harper, Doug, Amber Valley, Can.; Hayes, Herbie, Elmsford, N. Y.; Hinnant, Clarence, Washington, D. C.; Higan, Al, Toronto, Can.

James, Richie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jewell, Jimmy, Birmingham, Ala.; Johnson, Tony, New York.

Kid, Yova, Cuba; King, Jackie, Miami, Fla.; Limage, Marcel, Belgium; Lopez, Domingo, Spain; Moore, Herbie, Cincinnati, O.; Morris, Floyd, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mylinski, Stan, Chicago, Ill.

Napoles, Miguel, Cuba; Pacenza, Antonio, Argentine; Robinson, Zeke, Richmond, Cal.; Roude, Joseph, France; Rowan, Joey, Philadelphia, Pa.

Schmidt, Ray, Luxembourg; Schultz, Irwin, New York; Serres, Jean, Luxembourg; Stevens, Al, New York.

Taylor, Harvey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tatum, Tom, Miami Beach, Fla.; Tessier, Andre, Springfield, Mass.

Thompson, Tommy, Quantico, Va.; Tuvell, Joe, Indianapolis, Ind.; Wallace, Gordon, Brantford, Ont., Can.; Watson, Clyde, Los Angeles, Cal.

Watson, Larry, Omaha, Neb.; Welch, Jimmy, Columbus, O.; Whittle, Ron, West Jordan, Utah.

William, Alvin, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Woodworth, Chuck, Provo, Utah; Wright, Arthur, Detroit, Mich.

Class C

Anderson, Al, New York; Anderson, Cy, Bloomfield, N. J.; Augustus, Ray, Topeka, Kan.

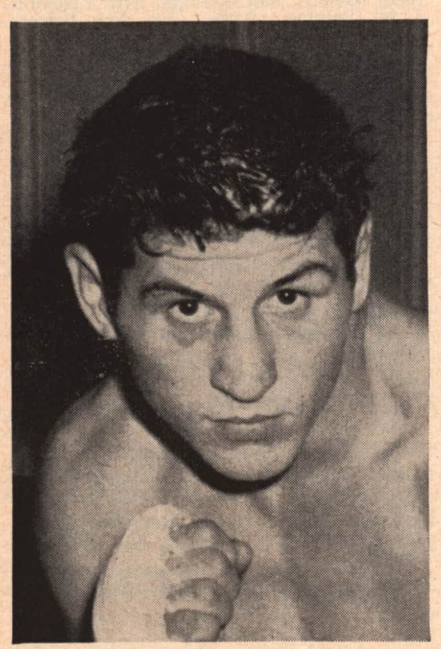
Babcock, Buddy, Houston, Tex.; Bacon, Clint, Chicago, Ill.; Batiste, Bob, Vallejo, Cal.; Bennett, Jackie, New York; Bennett, Murray, Sioux City, Iowa.

Biehler, Bob, Rochester, Cal.; Boatsman, Bill, Longview, Wash.; Boil, Hoise, L. I. City, N. Y.; Bolla, Frankie, Montreal, Can.; Bondulich, Dave, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Brad, Calvin, Los Angeles; Bradley, Jerry, Charlotte, N. C.; Brewer, Henry, Dayton, O.; Brown, Leon, Albany, N. Y.; Bruno, Gus, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada; Burch, Johnny, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Chabala, Joe, Louisville, Ky.; Chambers, Jim, Chicago, Ill.; Chipman, John, San Francisco, Cal.; Copeland, Bill, Detroit, Mich.; Costigan, Bill, Louisville, Ky.; Coti,

Lou, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cotton, Bob (Deacon), Indianapolis, Ind.; Cox, Foneda, St. Louis, Mo.; Condon, Jackie, Tempe, Ariz.
De Fendis, Angelo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Demers, Eddie, Springfield, Mass.; Dilly, Wilbur, Milwaukee, Wis.; Filipiak, Tony, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Gage, Munro, St. Paul, Minn.
Gaiton, Joe, Denver, Colo.; Gambino, Jimmy, New York; Garafola, Gary, Jersey City, N. J.; Garcia, Manuel, New York; Green, Alphonse, Detroit, Mich.; Greenwall, Tommy, Louisville, Ky.; Grillo, Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hale, Doug, Detroit, Mich.; Hamilton, Dave, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harding, John, Los Angeles, Cal.; Henderson, Bill, Louisville, Ky.; Hess, Cliff, New York; Hoffman, Bernie 'Whitey', Bayonne, N. J.
Ingram, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jackson, Barrie, Seattle, Wash.; Jackson, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Jackson, Sammy, Syracuse, N. Y.
Jeffers, George, Hartford, Conn.; Jenkins, Johnny, New York; Jones, Eddie, Chicago, Ill.; Jones, Larry, Miami, Fla.; Keel, Earl, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Lincoln, Elmo, Newark, N. J.; Lomonaco, Tony, Grand Rapids, Mich.; McCray, Don, Roxbury, Mass.; McMillan, Jimmy, Newark, N. J.; McNally, Fred, Estacada, Ore.
Malone, Lonnie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Marshall, Billy, Oakland, Cal.; Mazac, Vince, Houston, Tex.; Miller, Freddy, Bellingham, Wash.; Moody, Dick, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mulligan, Lee, Louisville, Ky.
Parker, Willie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Perkins, Alvis, Louisville, Ky.; Perkins, Paul, Salt Lake City, Utah; Perry, Frank, Cincinnati, O.
Relish, Jimmy, L. I. City, N. Y.; Riley, Agray, New York; Roberts, Pat, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robinson, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Schneider, Ralph, Miami, Fla.; Selkirk, Tom, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Shack, Al, Buffalo, N. Y.; Slaughter, Bob, Philadelphia, Pa.; Smith, Elmer, Omaha, Neb.; Solomon, Nenzo (King), Chicago, Ill.
Taylor, Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Valle, Joe, Phenix, Ariz.
Washington, Junius (Junior), San Francisco, Cal.; Wiley, Roger, Beverly, Mass.; Wilson, Danny, L. I. City, N. Y.; Wilson, George, Louisville, Ky.; Young, Bob, Providence, R. I.



JOEY GIARDELLO

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.

Group I

1—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.

Group II

1—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
3—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
4—Charley Humez, Paris, France
5—Pierre Langlois, France
6—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
7—Tiberio Mitri, Italy
8—Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.
9—Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
10—Georgie, Johnson, Trenton, N. J.
11—Al Andrews, Superior, Wis.
12—Gustav Scholz, Germany

GROUP III

1—Bobby Dawson, New York, N. Y.
2—Paddy Young, New York, N. Y.
3—John L. Sullivan, England
4—Claude Milazzo, France
5—Moses Ward, Detroit, Mich.
6—Hans Stretz, Germany
7—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
8—Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
9—Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.
10—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Gordon Hazell, England

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Abellira, Rene, Honolulu; Allen, Les, England; Anthony, Tony, New York; Azteca, Kid, Mexico; Beau, Jimmy, New Canaan, Conn.; Benton, George, Philadelphia, Pa.; Brown, Andy, New Orleans, La.
Cartier, Walter, New York; Coluzzi, Luigi, Italy; Delaney, Ronnie, Akron, O.; Dussart, Kid, Belgium; Ellis, Don, Atlantic City, N. J.
Festucci, Franco, Italy; Fullmer, Gene, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Giambra, Joey, Buffalo, N. Y.; Green, Charlie, Oakland, Cal.; Gonzales, Pedro, Rankin, Pa.; Jones, Ralph (Tiger), Yonkers, N. Y.; Jansen, Leon, Holland; Jiminez, Pedro Antonio, Spain; Kilgore, Billy, Tampa, Fla.; Lombardo, Johnny, Mt. Carmel, Pa.
McAteer, Pat, England; McNeece, Billy, Central Islip, L. I., N. Y.; Martinez, Jimmy, Glendale, Ariz.; Muller, Peter, Germany; Olla, Ted, Milwaukee, Wis.
Panter, Garth, Salt Lake City, Utah; Portuguez, Tuzo, Costa Rica.; Sandy, Randy, New York; Scortichini, Italo, Italy; Starosch, Leo, Germany.
Thomas, Eddie, South Africa; Turner, Jess, St. Louis, Mo.; Turpin, Randy, England; van Klavern, Bep, Holland; Vejar, Chico, Stamford, Conn.; Webb, Ellsworth (Spider), Los Angeles, Cal.

Class B

Alcantara, Constant, Senegal; Anderson, Jay, Philadelphia, Pa.; Andrews, Eddie, Lowell, Mass.; Armenteros, Lino, Havana, Cuba; Armstrong, Willie, Scotland; Assire, Marcel, France.
Baldoni, Tony, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Beaton, Charley, Australia; Boyd, Bobby, Chicago, Ill.; Braelow, Harry, Miami, Fla.; Brito, Roberto, Torreon, Mex.; Brooks, Boy, Philippine Islands.
Charolito, Kid, Cuba; Chase, Charlie, Montreal, Can.; Clues, Kev, Australia; Cody, Jim, Richmond, Cal.; Coleman, Leroy, Lodi, N. J.; Cotton, Charley, Canton, O.; Cuevas, Antonio (Pedro), Argentina.
Danahar, George, England; DeCarlo, Vinnie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Diaz, Aristide Del, Italy; Dockery, Willie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Drake, Ray, Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.
Echevvaria, Vicente, Spain; Echols, Wes, San Francisco, Cal.; Elliott, Bobby, Miami, Fla.
Florio, Clem, Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y.; Fuentes, Jesse, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fukuchi, Kenji, Japan.
Gage, Lou, Oakland, Cal.; Greco, Johnny, Montreal, Can.; Green, Eddie, Kanapolis, N. C.; Gutierrez, Santos, Mexico.
Hansen, Martin, Denmark; Hawkins, Titus (Windy), Los Angeles, Cal.; Hernandez, Chato, Mexico; Hernandez, Ruben, San Francisco, Cal.; Hester, Billy, Louisville, Ky.; Holzman, Georgie, Bayonne, N. J.; Jansen, Leo, Holland.
Jones, Tim, Plainfield, N. J.; LaBua, Jack, East Meadow, L. I., N. Y.; Lee, Bobby, Baltimore, Md.
Mans, Freddy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Martinez, Carlos, Mexico; Mayfield, Andy, Miami, Fla.; Merentino, Rafael, Argentina.
Mikus, Pran, Australia; Miro, Wilfredo, Cuba; Moore, Bobby, Newark, N. J.; Moore, Terry, Baltimore, Md.; Martineira, Hilario, Portugal.
Nocero, Rinzi, Covington, Ky.; Ogawa, D'Ogoro, Japan; Pellegrini, Alvin, New Orleans, La.; Pender, Paul, Brookline, Mass.; Perea, Sal, San Francisco, Cal.; Pereyra, Dante, Argentina; Pereyra, Ubaldo, Argentina.
Poulton, Harry, Charlottetown, Can.; Provizzi, Bob, Corona, L. I., N. Y.; Quartey, Abe, West Africa; Richardson, Jerome, New York; Rindone, Joe, Boston, Mass.; Rivers, Neal, Buffalo, N. Y.
Royer-Crecy, Jacques, France; Rubicini, Gus, Toronto, Can.; Rubino, Danny, Hoboken, N. J.
Sanders, Hurley, Newark, N. J.; Sands, Alfie, Australia; Savage, Milo, Seattle, Wash.; Servin, Pete, Oakland, Cal.; Shaw, Joe, New York; Small, Georgie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Small, Goven, Los Angeles, Cal.; Smith, Tommie, Providence, R. I.; Stecher, Bob, Portland, Me.; Szuzina, Franz, Germany.
Tatsumi, Hachiro, Japan; Taylor, Joe, Binghamton, N. Y.; Tisdale, Billy, Detroit, Mich.; Vaughn, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Whitewater, Archie, Eureka, Cal.; Williams, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; Williams, Baby, Havana, Cuba; Williams, Sherman, Louisville, Ky.

Class C

Acha, Arthur, Belgium; Ahearn, Jimmy, New York; Alexander, Eddie, Danville, Va.; Alotti, Reggie, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Anderson, Joe, Gary, Ind.; Andy, Billy, Providence, R. I.; Arebalo, Pete, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Armstrong, Manuel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ashley, Bob, Massena, N. Y.; Aubignat, Michel, France; Aurillo, Joe, Darby, Pa.
Babalu, Kid, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bahama, Yama, Miami, Fla.; Barnett, Cliff, Long Beach, Cal.; Barry, Lou, Detroit, Mich.; Barry, Sid, Paterson, N. J.; Beasley, Charley, Houston, Tex.
Bellamy, Buck, Phoenix, Ariz.; Benson, Felix, Philadelphia, Pa.; Best, Pat, Englewood, N. J.; Blackshear, Mel, Los Angeles, Cal.
Block, Clarence, San Francisco, Cal.; Boaz, Larry, Detroit, Mich.; Boddie, George, Dayton, O.; Bowman, Johnny, New York; Boyd, Willie, New York; Bradley, Cleveland, Stockton, Cal.; Bradley, Pedro, New Orleans, La.
Bronko, Henry, Detroit, Mich.; Brown, Bob, Chicago, Ill.; Brown, Niel, Paterson, N. J.; Brown, Pennington, St. Louis, Mo.; Bruce, Curtis, Newark, N. J.; Bryant, Don, New York; Budniewski, Harry, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Bue, Bobby, Modesto, Cal.
Buford, Evan, Chicago, Ill.; Bulla, Sanford, New York; Bunn, Sonny, Washington, D. C.; Burton, Gene, New York.
Cage, W. C., Portland, Ore.; Calandra, Mario, Buffalo, N. Y.; Calhoun, Rory, White Plains, N. Y.; Calloway, Howard, Muskegon, Mich.; Campbell, Doc, Charlotte, N. C.
Cardenas, Joey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Carter, Tommy, Evansville, Ind.; Charrette, Hec, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Chocolate, Kid, Johnstown, Pa.; Choi, Richard, Hawaii; Christian, Tommy, Fitchburg, Mass.; Cicchetti, Terry, New York.
Clarey, Pat, Toledo, O.; Clark, Bill, Westfield, Mass.; Cleek, Rusty, New Castle, Ind.; Clem, Charlie, Seattle, Wash.; Clemente, Jimmy, New York; Cobb, Perry, Vallejo, Cal.; Cogran, Tommy (Red), Boston, Mass.; Coles, Curtis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Colima, Petey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Collier, Fred, L. I. City, N. Y.; Colvin, Ralph, Portland, Ore.; Connors, Eddie, Sharon, Mass.; Cooper, Cal, Stockton, Cal.; Cox, Johnny, New York.
Dalton, Jimmy, Fall River, Mass., Damphier, Bruce, Lyndhurst, N. J.; Daniels, Roy, Hollywood, Cal.; Darlington, Harold, Philadelphia, Pa.; Darrough, Tommy, Flint, Mich.
Davis, Bones, Los Angeles, Cal.; Davis, Hank, Phoenix, Ariz.; Deadwyler, Bobby, Philadelphia, Pa.; de la Garza, Gilbert, San Antonio, Tex.
DeLong, Joey, Winnipeg, Man., Can.; Demery, Jimmy, Topeka, Kan.; Deveaux, Bolvin, Nassau, Bermuda; Devlin, Joe, Jamaica Plains, Mass.
DeWitt, Malcolm, Charleston, S. C.; DiGiorgio, Francis (Sonny), L. I. City, N. Y.; Dittrich, Ray, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; Doncaster, Ted, Sackville, N. S., Can.;
Douglass, Charley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dowling, Billy, Lakewood, N. J.; Doxie, Jimmy, New York; Drucker, Harold (Izzy), Brooklyn, N. Y.
Drummer, Ernie, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dufour, Andre (Rocky), Lake St. John, Que., Can.; Dugan, Carl, Oakland, Cal.; Duncan, Leonard (Leo), Austin, Tex.; Dynamite, Big, Washington, D. C.
Elby, Jim (Red), Toledo, O.; Evans, Bobby, Detroit, Mich.; Fadigan, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Faison, LeRoy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Farese, Al, Boston, Mass.
Feldman, Marty, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ferguson, Charlie, Charlotte, N. C.
Finnerty, Bob, Cleveland, O.; Flager, Claude, Baltimore, Md.; Flake, Benny, Salt Lake City, Utah; Flores, Robert, Houston, Tex.; Flores, Sal, Anaheim, Cal.
Flowe, Butch, Charlotte, N. C.; Frank, Ted, New York; Frataglia, Frank, Brockton, Mass.; Frazier, Gerry, Halifax, N. S. Can.
Gagnon, Bert, Lewiston, Me.; Garcean, Jules, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Gavilan II, Kid, Cuba; George, Edmund, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Giano, Willie, Rochester, N. Y.; Gill, Sonny, Los Angeles, Cal.
Gillam, Russ, Los Angeles, Cal.; Glover, Bill, Vallejo, Cal.; Glover, Charlie, Cincinnati, O.; Godfrey, Bill, Greenville, S. C.; Gomez, Cirilo, Cuba; Gonzales, Pete, Sacramento, Cal.
Gordon, Bill, Akron, O.; Gordon, Ellis, San Francisco, Cal.; Gray, Jesse, Chicago, Ill.; Gray, Willie, Boston, Mass.

Green, Arnold, Rome, N. Y.; Green, Johnny, Springfield, Mass.; Green, Leroy, Kansas City, Mo.; Gregory, Ben, Charlotte, N. C.; Grimard, Joe, Portland, Me.; Grover, Jimmy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gunter, Gene, Baltimore, Md.

Hairston, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hall, James, Buffalo, N. Y.; Hank, Henry, Detroit, Mich.; Harris, Tobe, Cut and Shoot, Texas; Harvey, Larue, Detroit, Mich.

Hatcher, Tommy, Miami, Fla.; Hawkins, Fred, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hayden, Johnny, Phoenix, Ariz.; Haynes, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hickey, Tom, Chicago, Ill.;

Higgins, Chuck, Youngstown, O.; Hirt, Ron, Las Vegas, Nev.; Holman, Jerry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Holmes, George, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hong, Jackie, New York; Horton, Al, Sylacauga, Al.; Houston, John, Oakland, Cal.; Howard, Jimmy, Berkeley, Cal.;

Irby, Walter, Columbia, S. C.; Jackson, Al (Tiger), Reno, Nev.; Jacques, Dennis, Quebec, Can.; Janke, Pete, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jenkins, Harold, San Francisco, Cal.

Jimenez, Rudy, Mexico; Johnson, Willie, Louisville, Ky.; Jones, Cordell, Reno, Nev.; Jones, Hank, Washington, D. C.; Jones, Stan, Houston, Tex.; Jones, Tommy, Paterson, N. J.

Kelly, Cyril, New Orleans, La.; Kid, Georgia, Augusta, Ga.

King, Lou, Chicago, Ill.; King, Ricardo, New York; Kirk, Tommy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Knowles, George, Nassau, Bahamas; Knox, Curtis, Spokane, Wash.

LaPola, Frank, Orange, N. J.; Layton, Darrell, Layton, Utah; Lentine, Frankie, Youngstown, O.; Lewis, Gene, Miami, Fla.; Litchfield, Bob, Detroit, Mich.

Longoria, Tino, Houston, Tex.; Lopez, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Loritz, Allen, San Francisco, Cal.; Louis, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lowery, Dick, College Point, L. I., N. Y.

Lowman, Carl, Buffalo, N. Y.; Luedee, Jerry, Kearney, N. J.; Lyara, Jose, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

McAllister, Gilbert, Edmonton, Alb., Can.; McCluskey, Cobey, Nova Scotia, Can.; McDonough, John, Boston, Mass.; McLane, Bob, Elko, Nev.

Mack, Freddy, New York; Marino, Larry, Providence, R. I.; Martinez, Robert, San Antonio, Tex.; Mason, Ronnie, Detroit, Mich.

Mastrean, Sammy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mayfield, Tag, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mays, Rainey, Los, Angeles, Cal.; Micheaux, Stan, Rahway, N. J.; Mieszala, Chester, Chicago, Ill.

Miline, Ronnie, Spokane, Wash.; Miller, Eddie, Dayton, O.; Miller, Harry, Niles, O.; Mojica, George, Seattle, Wash.; Moore, Harold, Detroit, Mich.; Morales, Tony, Stockton, Cal.

Mooreland, Bob, Los Angeles, Cal.; Moreno, Lucio, Mexico; Morris, Jimmy, Miami, Fla.; Moss, Charley, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Neal, John, Milwaukee, Wis.; Newbill, Fred, Cincinnati, O.; Nichols, Paul, Milwaukee, Wis.; Noel, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.

O'Brien, Johnny, Somerville, Mass.; Oliphant, Leroy, Charlotte, N. C.; Osuna, Chuck, Oakland, Cal.; Pacheco, Chico, Miami, Fla.; Patino, Chango, Houston, Tex.

Perez, Al, Decoto, Cal.; Perez, Danny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Perry, Lou, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Piliarik, Sam, Saginaw, Mich.; Porter, Satchel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pruitt, Johnny, Spartanburg, S. C.

Ramos, Joe (Rocky), Providence, R. I.; Ray, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Reed, Jiggs, Richmond, Cal.; Reed, Richie, Tacoma, Wash.

Rhodes, Richie, Aiken, N. C.; Riley, Clarence, Detroit, Mich.; Rizzo, Phil, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robinson, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal. Ross, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Rush, Buddy, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Sanders, Jimmy, Warren, O.; Sauve, Marcel, Montreal, Can.; Simms, Eddie, Chicago, Ill.; Simon, Gary, New Glasgow, N. S., Can.; Sizbette, Dick, Seattle, Wash.

Sloan, Buddy, Butte, Mont.; Smallwood, Hardy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Smith, Charles (Tombstone), Los Angeles, Cal.; Smith, Eddie, Detroit, Mich.; Smith, Jesse, Philadelphia, Pa.

Smith, Jimmy,, Denver, Colo.; Soligny, Howard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Springer, Eddie, Duluth, Minn.

Steeves, Gunboat, Pittsfield, Mass.; Step, Ernie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stevens, Willie, Las Vegas, Nev.; Stevenson, Vern, Montreal, Can.

Storer, Walt, Seattle, Wash.; Sutherland, Roy (Rocky), Bridgewater, N. S., Can.; Swan, Tommy, Milwaukee, Wis.; Swift, Eddie, Waterbury, Conn

Taskey, Fred, Seymour, Ind.; Tate, Bill, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tate, Cassel, Syracuse, N. Y.; Taylor, Danny, New York; Tessier, Gerry, Springfield, Mass.;

Thompson, Clint, Biddeford, Me.; Tomasello, Joe, Mattawan, N. J.; Toussaint, George, New Orleans, La.; Trainor, Don, Charlottetown, N. S., Can.; Traitz, Steve, Kensington, Pa.; Trero, Bill, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Tuck, Bill, Louisville, Ky.

Urgitano, Angelo, New York; Villaneuve, Larry, Providence, R. I.;

Walker, Sammy, Springfield, Mass.; Warner, Mickey, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Washington, Gene, Elizabeth, N. J.; Watkins, Rudy, Baltimore, Md.

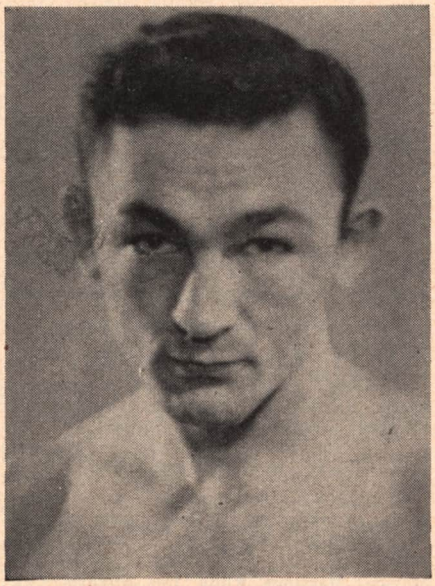
Watson, Al, Waterloo, Iowa; Webster, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Welch, Neely, New York; Wells, Al, Butte, Mont.; Wetzel, Frankie, Philadelphia, Pa.

Whiteous, Charley, Toledo, O.; Williams, Willie, Detroit, Mich.; Wilson, Boston, Oakland, Cal.

Wilson, Jackie, Quincy, Mass.; Winslow, Woody, Oakland, Cal.; Wolfe, Dick, Salem, Ore.; Woodard, Otis, Memphis, Tenn.

Ybarra, Drey, Globe, Ariz.; Young, Henry, Fall River, Mass.;

Zacker, Willie, St. George, S. I., N. Y.; Zaremba, Ed, Jackson, Mich.; Zotto, Iggy, Brooklyn, N. Y.



CARMEN BASILIO

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
World Champion
Johnny Saxton

Group I

1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
3—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Cal.

Group II

1—Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
2—Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J.
3—Tony De Marco, Boston, Mass.
4—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
5—Maurice Harper, Oakland, Cal.
6—Hector Constance, Trinidad, B.W.I.
7—Somdej Yongtrakit, Thailand
8—Chico Varona, Cuba
9—Wally Thom, England

Group III

1—Joe Miceli, New York
2—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
4—George Barnes, Australia
5—Billy Graham, New York
6—Frank Fernandez, Hawaii
7—Luther Rawlings, Chicago, Ill.
8—Allie Gronik, Detroit, Mich.

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Class A

Acefe, Oscar, Argentine; Adams, Pete, Newark, N. J.; Akins, Virgil, St. Louis, Mo.; Black, Jed, Janesville, Wis.

Brisebois, Marcel, Montreal, Can.; Brown, Barry, New Zealand; Buker, Ben, Spain; Brown, Johnny, Chicago, Ill.; Casillo, Rocky, Blue Island, Ill.; Castaneda, Jose, LaLagua, Mex.

Chavez, Carlos, Los Angeles, Cal.; Chiocca, Sauveur, France; Christensen, Chris, Denmark; Christenson, Ulf, New Zealand.

Da Sylva, Ralph, Portugal; Davey, Chuck, East Lansing, Mich.; Diaz, Miguel, Cuba; Dione, Idrissa, France; Dreyer, Gerald, South Africa.

Escobar, Andy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fiore, Carmine, Brooklyn, N. Y; Flannery, Frank, Australia; Flores, Alfonso, Durango, Mex.

Gatica, Jose, Argentine; Giovanelli, Danny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Guivarch, Robert, France; Happe, George, England; Jiminez, Julio, Mexico.; Lazer, Lew, England; Lavoine, Gilbert, France.

Lowry, Pat, Toledo, O.; O'Kine, Vincent, African Gold Coast; Ratcliffe, Terry, England; Salas, Charley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Thomas, Eddie, Wales; Trigo, Mario, Los Angeles, Cal.; Weissman, Rene, France; Zacharyan, Garbis, Turkey.

Class B

Adkins, Chuck, Gary, Ind.; Aguillon, Franco, Mexican; Aguirre, Pete, Los Angeles, Cal.

Aldegeur, Tony, Philippine Islands; Alderson, Don, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Allegro, Tony, New York; Allison, Barry, Westover, Mass.

Balderas, Andres, Monclavo, Mex.; Bartolomeo, Carmene, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bazzano, Tommy, Middletown, Conn.; Beazley, Billy, New Zealand; Belanger, Leo, Winnipeg, Man., Can.; Bolanos, Frankie, Mexico.

Braun, Don, Baltimore, Md.; Brown, Darby, Australia; Brown, Dalfus, Hawaii; Brown, Wilfredo, Panama; Burns, Tommy, Australia; Busso, Johnny, New York.

Butcher, Emerson, Rock Island, Ill.; Cardell, Vic, Hartford, Conn.; Cardenas, Arturo, Mexico.

Carrillo, Chale, Torreon, Mex.; Cesario, Johnny, Hartford, Conn.; Champagne, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chavez, Gil, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ciccarelli, Mario, Italy; Clottery, Attio, West Africa; Colucci, Mike, Corona, L. I., N. Y.

Conscripto, El, Mexico; Cook, Clarence, Bastrop, La.; Cooke, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.; Corma, Eddie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Correa, Manuel, Spain; Cunningham, Johnny, Baltimore, Md.

Davis, Calvin, L. I. City, N. Y.; Despaigne, Tito, Panama; DiGilio, Johnny, Bayonne, N. J.; Edwin, Jose, Panama.

Espana, Ismael, Venezuela; Eubanks, Johnny, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Felan, Joe, San Antonio, Tex.; Felton, Lester, Detroit, Mich.

Fenoy, Matias, Spain; Fusaro, Valde, Italy; Fortin, Claude, Montreal, Can.

Garmendia, Memo, Mexico; Giordano, Ralph, Newark, N. J.; Giosa, Eddie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Greer, Ernie, Stockton, Cal.; Harrington, Stan, Hawaii.

Harris, Clarence (Duke), Detroit, Mich.; Harvey, Lem, New York; Hernandez, Chato, Mexico; Hohman, Helmut, Germany; Holderfield, Buddy, Little Rock, Ark.; Hornby, Bert, Australia.

Jones, Harold (Baby Face), Detroit, Mich.; Jordan, Rudy, Hollywood, Cal.; Juergens, Al, San Antonio, Tex.; Kim, Phil, Honolulu, T. H.; Klein, Joey, New York; Kurtz, Monroe, Newark, N. J.

Lauderdale, Billy, Hialeah, Fla.; Logart, Isaac, Havana, Cuba.

Maddox, Tommy, Chicago, Ill.; Manzi, Pat, Syracuse, N Y.; Marcello, Steve, Providence, R. I.; Martinez, Chi Chi, San Diego, Cal.; Martinez, Choforo, Mexico.

Matsuyama, Tereo, Japan; Molina, Ernesto, Durango, Mex.; Monzon, Antonio, Spain; Moody, Alan, Chicago, Ill.; Moreno, Alfonso, Argentina.

Mujica, Larry, New York; Murray, Ted, L. I. City, N. Y.; Nee, Tommy, Boston, Mass.; Neri, Bill, Bridgeport, Conn.

O'Brien, Jackie, Hartford, Conn.; Olivera, Jose, Cuba; Papadopulos, Jan, Greece; Parker, Gene, Indianapolis, Ind.; Percy, Tony, Drummondville, Can.

Perez, Alberto, Oriente, Cuba; Perez, Danny Jo, New York; Perez, Francisco, Mexico; Pompey, Kit, British Guinea; Prigent, Jacques, France.

Roberts, Ernie, New York; Rocha, Manuel, Mexico; Rodriquez, Rolando, Cuba; Rosado, Bobby, New York; Ruellet, Jean, France.

Salkeld, Johnny, Vancouver, B. C.; Samuels, Luis, Panama; Serville, Hugh, Trinidad; Schoemaker, Nico, Holland; Smith, Charlie, Newark, N. J.; Spragg, Don, Bathurst, N. S., Can.; Steen, Irvin, San Diego, Cal.; Sudduth, Billy, Topeka, Kan.

Takeshita, Robert, Honolulu, T. H.; Terry, Mario, Cuba; Tiscareno, Ramon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ugo, Takeo, Japan; Ussin, Gilbert, France.

Valentini, Luigi, Italy; van Kampen, Fritz, Holland; Vega, Perrin, Mexico; Villafara, Al, New Orleans, La.; Whitewater, Archie, Eureka, Cal.

Wilson, Al, Englewood, N. J.; Wilson, Wilbur, Boston, Mass.; Wong, Dickie, Hawaii; Wouters, Pierce, Belgium; Yokahoma, Manoru, Japan; Zetzmann, Ernest, Germany.

Class C

Acosta, Pete, New Orleans, La.; Acosta, Joey, Hollywood, Cal.; Alonzo, Lorenzo, Mexico; Alston, Roy, Trenton, N. J.; Alvarez, Ralph, St. Paul, Minn.

Anderson, Kenny, Edmonton, Can.; Angelo, Izzy, Providence, R. I.; Arruda, Joe, Fall River, Mass.; Ashwood, Ken, England; Atzinger, Sonny, Portland, Ky.

Bailey, Bertram, New York; Baker, Larry, New York; Barbero, Al, Sacramento, Cal.; Barge, Al, Camden, N. J.; Batie, Earl, Warren, O.

Beasley, Charlie, Houston, Texas; Beaudro, Lou, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Belanga, Leo, Winnepeg, Can.; Bell, Bud, Flint, Mich.; Belloni,

George, Cliffwood, N. J.; Berry, Al, Cleveland, O.

Betts, Frankie, Syracuse, N. Y.; Blackshear, Gerry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bolton, Charley, New Orleans, La.; Bombiani, Frank, Ardmore, Pa.; Bonamo, Vince, New Orleans, La.

Bouchard, Gasper, Montreal, Can.; Boucher, Chico, New York; Boudreaux, Alvin, Westwego, La.; Brant, Eddie, Omaha, Neb.

Brewer, Dick, Cicero, Ill.; Brewer, Jimmy, Louisville, Ky.; Brewer, Joe, Philadelphia, Pa.; Brewster, Wilfredo, Panama.

Brown, Lester, Houston, Tex.; Bryant, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Budwin, Tony, Philadelphia, Pa.; Burkhead, Ben, Charlestown, Ind.; Burton, Darrell, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bush, Armand, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cabreana, Ernie, San Jose, Cal.; Caddick, Pat, Providence, R. I.; Camacho, Carlos, Mexico; Cambra, Martin, Hawaii; Capitano, Johnny, New Orleans, La.; Caputa, Carmen, Milwaukee, Wis.

Cardenas, Danny, San Antonio, Tex.; Carrington, Bob, Everett, Mass.; Carter, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; Carter, Chuck, Richmond, Cal.; Carter, Dave, Providence, R. I.

Castillo, Manuel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Castro, Jorge, Mexico; Castro, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Celano, Tony, Baltimore, Md.

Certisimo, Al, Hoboken, N. J.; Chalk, Tommy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles, Dennis, New York; Chavez, Angel, San Pedro, Cal.; Chester, Don, San Francisco, Cal.

Chico, Young, Detroit, Mich.; Chocolate, Kid, Cuba; Chukas, Gus, Chicago, Ill.; Ciccarelli, Johnny, Wilmington, Del.; Clark, Joe, Brantford, Ont., Can.; Cobb, Al, Seattle, Wash.

Cockrell, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Coffee, Charlie, Oakland, Cal.; Coleman, Toby, New York; Conde, Mario, Mexico; Corsey, Chico, Chester, Pa.

Costantino, Al (Bozo), New York; Courtney, Charlie, Oakland, Cal.; Courtney, Hugh, Mobile, Ala.; Coward, Roosevelt, Philadelphia, Pa.

Crawley, Larry, Plainfield, N. J.; Crump, Richie, New York; Cruz, Abe, Chicago, Ill.; Cuellar, Genaro, Del Rio, Tex.; Cyrus, Ike, New Orleans, La.

Dalton, Bobby, Hartford, Conn.; Dano, Don, Gardner, Mass.; Darby, Johnny, Pompton Lakes, N. J.

Darez, Joe, Quebec, Can.; Davila, Salvador, Torreon, Mex.; Davis, Danny, Minneapolis, Minn.; Davis, Ernie, Seattle, Wash; Day, Marvin, Chicago, Ill.

Delone, Ernest, New Orleans, La.; DeLucca, Joe, Philadelphia, Pa.; DeMarco, Benny, New Orleans, La.; Dennis, Roger, Waterville, Me.; DePriest, Ronnie, Roanoke, Va.; Deputy, Harry, Pottsville, Pa.

Desmond, Warren, Louisville, Ky.; Diaz, Alex, Mexico; Dillon, Willie, Benton Harbor, Mich.; DiModica, Vince, Belleville, N. J.; DiPierro, Joe, Woonsocket, R. I.

Dixon, Frankie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dixon, Tommy, L. I. City, N. Y.; Dobson, Everett, Worcester, Mass.; Doll, Bobby, Portland, Ore.

Donnell, Nate, New York; Douglass, Bobby, Philadelphia, Pa.; Drexler, Charley, Bayonne, N. J.; Dukes, Gene, Evansville, Ind.

Dupas, Tony, New Orleans, La.; Duplessis, Nolan, New Orleans, La.; Dupree, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Elam, Manny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Erskine, Joey, New York; Escamilla, Manuel, Galveston, Tex.; Estrella, Carlos, San Jose, Cal.; Fiel, Alvino, New York; Figgeroa, Danny, Hayward, Cal.; Figueroa, Andy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Flores, Oscar, Argentine; Fobbs, Eddie, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Fontaine, Justine, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ford, Jimmy, Miami, Fla.

Foster, Chuck, Omaha, Neb.; Fowler, Jerry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Francis, Kid, Baltimore, Md.; Fraser, Jerry, Edmonton, Can.; Freitas, Mel, Hawaii.

Freshwater, John, Oakland, Cal.; Fries, Al, Fall River, Mass.; Frost, Jack, Spokane, Wash.; Fryman, Richie, Paris, Ky.; Fusco, Joe, Waterbury, Conn.

Gallant, Butsy, Augusta, Me.; Garcia, Wilfredo (Babe), San Antonio, Tex.; Gariby, Al, Salinas, Cal.; Garry, Herman, Waterbury, Conn.; Gentile, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gomes, Roland, Fall River, Mass.; Gomez, Ralph, San Francisco, Cal.; Gonzales, Leo, Robstown, Tex.; Gonzales, Tony, Houston, Tex.; Gonzales, Ricardo, Del Rio, Texas.

Goslow, Denny, Worcester, Mass.; Gould, Oscar, Spokane, Wash.; Gracy, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Graham, Wayne, Hollywood, Cal.; Grant, Dave, Boston, Mass.

Greb, Tony, Seattle, Wash.; Greco, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Green, Sonny, Oakland, Cal.; Greenwood, Joe, Akron, O.

Griffin, Alex, Philadelphia, Pa.; Griffin, Paulie, L. I. City, N. Y.; Guberia, Johnny, San Antonio, Tex.; Gwin, Rudy, Cleveland, O.; Gwynn, Johnny, New York.

Hackney, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Haigy, Jimmy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Haines, Walter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hamlin, Ron, Cincinnati, O.

Harper, Billy, Washington, D. C.; Harper, Ronnie, Roanoke, Va.; Hart, Garnett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hartman, Billy, Long Beach, Cal.; Hauser, Al, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hayes, O'Dell, Baltimore, Md.; Hefel, Adrien, Detroit, Mich.

Hernandez, Benny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hernandez, Victor, Puerto Rico; Hickerson, Billy, Washington, D. C.; Hill, Bobby, Louisville, Ky.; Hoffman, Bob, Detroit, Mich.; Hohner, Ken, London, Ont., Can.; Hoxey, Dixon, Seattle, Wash.; Humphreys, Charley, Chicago, Ill.

Iacabellis, Vito, L. I. City, N. Y.; Inez, Mike, Hawaii; Ippolito, Frank, New York; Jackson, Bud, Auburn, N. Y.; James, Eddie, Buffalo, N. Y.; James, George, Chicago, Ill.

Jenkins, Ike, New York; Johns, Gene, New York; Johnson, Earl, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnson, Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnson, Willie, Orange, N. J.

Jones, Danny, Louisville, Ky.; Jones, Richard, Pasadena, Cal.; Jones, Billy (Silent), Philadelphia, Pa.; Jordan, JoJo, Miami, Fla.; Josato, Jake, Philadelphia, Pa.

Junior, Aaron, Los Angeles, Cal.; Junior Brave, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Kaminski, Walter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kapa, Walter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Keeler, Jesse, Greensburg, Pa.; Kennedy, Alan, Bay City, Mich.; Kennington, Don, Star Valley, Wyo.

Kerber, Dick, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ketcherside, Cloyed, St. Louis, Mo.; Kleinfeldt, Ronnie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ladoll, Frankie, Mexico.

Lara, Armando, Los Angeles, Cal.; LeBlanc, Gene, Fall River, Mass.; LeGault, Jerry, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Lii, Joe, Hawaii; Lissy, Joe, New York; Locas, Marcel, Montreal, Can.

Lockhart, Sam, Stockton, Cal.; Lopez, Art, Hollywood, Cal.; Lord, Bill (Sonny), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lowry, Wes, Saginaw, Mich.; Lynn, Bernie, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

McCarron, Babe, Bangor, Me.; McColgan, Eddie, Haydenville, Mass.; McCormick, Kid, Bermuda; McCoy, Jimmy, Eureka, Cal.

McCray, Johnny, Birmingham, Ala.; McDonald, Chuck, Portland, Ore.; McIntyre, Billy, Boston, Mass.; McLane, Richie, Elko, Nev.

Maddox, Henry, Washington, D. C.; Maes, Andy, Denver, Colo.; Marek, Eddie, Chicago, Ill.; Marsciano, Lou, New York.

Martin, Bill, Watson, Ind.; Martinez, Bobby, San Jose, Cal.; Martinez, Roberto, Mexico; Martinez, Rudy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mascia, Tony, Waterbury, Conn.; Mattos, Jimmie, Lawrence, Mass.; Maye, Al, New York.

Meadows, Gordon, Pontiac, Mich.; Miles, Davey, Akron, O.; Monroe, Archie, Baltimore, Md.; Montenegro, Felix, France; Monteverde, Gus, Fitchburg, Mass.; Montgomery, Jim, Cambridge, Mass.

Morelli, Augie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Morgan, Bill, Hammond, Ind.; Morris-Row, Sid, Vancouver, B. C., Can.; Munoz, Manuel, Torreno, Mex.

Necro, Tony, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Nelson, Bobby, New York; Nelson, Lloyd, Galveston, Tex.; Nini, Mario, Bathurst, N. S., Can.; Novolle, Johnny, Hollywood, Cal.

Ortiz, Dave, Wilmington, Cal.; Palmer, Jackie, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pannone, Tony, Ft. Lee, N. J.; Pappas, Tony, Detroit, Mich.; Paris, Keith, Halifax, N. S., Can.

Parker, Cooter, Aiken, S. C.; Patino, Polo, Austin, Tex.; Peck, Aman, Tampa, Fla.; Perez, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; Perez, Santos, Houston, Tex.

Perry, Everett, Fall River, Mass.; Perry, Gordon, Providence, R. I.; Perry, John L., Detroit, Mich.; Paterson, Ralph, Pleasantville, N. J.; Phelps, Gerry, Montreal, Can.

Phillips, Boise, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pinkus, Billy, Winnipeg, Can.; Piper, Jimmy, New York; Price, Chuck, Detroit, Mich.; Prince, Eddie, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Picone, Guido, Canton, O.

Ramos, Gus, Cuba; Rangel, Tony, Stockton, Cal.; Ray, Frankie, Reno, Nev.; Reddish, Bill, Boston, Mass.

Reyes, George, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rhodes, Mickey, Boise, Idaho; Rivera, Jose, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roacha, Chico, Fall River, Mass.

Roberts, Gene, Indianapolis, Ind.; Robertson, Uli, Los Angeles, Cal.; Robles, Jesse, Mexico; Rogers, Boyd, Pocatello, Idaho; Rogers, Don, Spokane, Wash.

Rogers, Johnny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rossie, Bob, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Rubin, Chicken, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ruelas, Alex (Babe), Mexico.

Sampson, Clarence, Panama; Sanchez, Alfredo, Stockton, Cal.; Sanchez, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Sarlo, Carlo, Chicago, Ill.; Sayne, Andy, Russellville, Ky.; Sayne, Roy, Russellville, Ky.; Scott, Carlin, New York; Scott, Charley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Scott, Rocky, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Scott, Walter, Los Angeles, Cal.

Seifer, Arley, Fairview, Pa.; Serna, Ray, Los Angeles, Cal.; Shane, Johnny, Miami, Fla.; Sharkey, Young, Holyoke, Mass.; Shaw, Norman, Fall River, Mass.

Short, Roland, Charlotte, N. C.; Silvia, Eddie, New Bedford, Mass.; Silvia, Toby, Fall River, Mass.; Singh, Sal, Chicago, Ill.

Skidmore, Frankie, Salinas, Cal.; Sligar, Otho, Houston, Tex.; Smith, Henry W., New York; Soto, Rendon, Torreon, Mex.

Southern, Don, Newport, R. I.; Spicer, Charley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Spinola, Benny, New Bedford, Mass.; Stafford, Carl, Chicago, Ill.

Stepanovich, Danny, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Strickland, Leon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Stubbs, Reybon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tangles, Ted, Cleveland, O.

Terry, Fred, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thelemaque, Artie, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y.; Tucci, Emmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tyler, Tuppy, Edmonton, Alb., Can.

Valdez, Johnny, Des Moines, Iowa; Vance, Lamoine (Babe), San Antonio, Tex.; Vargas, Alex, Galveston, Tex.; Vasquez, Joe, Houston, Tex.

Vaughan, Isaac, Cincinnati, O.; Wagoner, Dave, Oakland, Cal.; Wailand, Sammy, Hawaii; Walden, Abe, Youngstown, O.

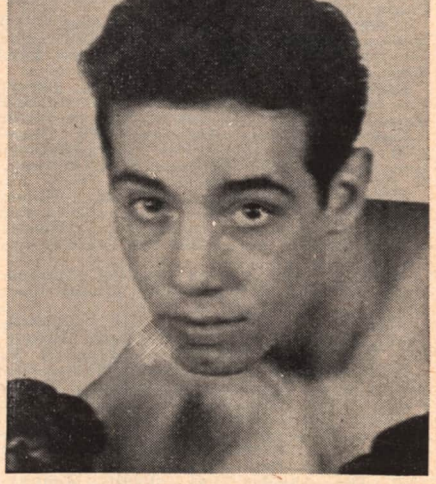
Walker, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Walker, Carl, Spokane, Wash.; Washington, Pete, Chicago, Ill.; Washington, Ulysses, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Watkins, Andy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Watkins, Jimmy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Webb, Tommy, L. I. City, N. Y.; Wells, Johnny, Houston, Tex.

White, Ike, Philadelphia, Pa.; White, Jo Jo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wiggins, Horace, Newark, N. J.; Wildrich, Loren, Watertown, N. Y.; Wiley, Chet, Detroit, Mich.

Williams, Eddie, Tucson, Ariz.; Williams, Ernie, Washington, D. C.; Williams, Kenny, Vallejo, Cal.; Wilson, Carleton, Mobile, Ala.

Winchman, Henny, New York; Windom, Willie, Detroit, Mich.; Zacatecas, Kid, Mexico; Zezza, Mickey, Pittsburgh, Pa.



PADDY DEMARCO

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
World Champion
Jimmy Carter, New York, N. Y.

Group I

1—Jimmy Carter, New York, N. Y.
2—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—Duilio Loi, Italy.
4—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
5—Frankie Ryff, New York, N. Y.
6—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
7—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
8—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
9—Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
10—Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba.
11—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
12—Richie Howard, Halifax, Canada.
13—Bonnie Espinosa, Manila, P. I.

Group II

1—Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
2—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—Bruno Visintin, Italy.
4—Henry Davis, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
6—Pat Ford, Australia.
7—Hoacine Khalfi, France.
8—Seraphin Ferrer, France.
9—Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Agostini, Amerigo, Australia; Akiyama, Masajhi, Japan; Argote, Augustin, Spain; Arguelles, Jose, Mexico City, Mex.

Barreto, Luis, Venezuela; Beltran, Manuel, Mexico; Blair, Jackie, Dallas, Tex.; Boardman, Larry, Marlboro, Conn.

Brady, Dennis Pat, New York; Brooks, Paulie, Cleveland, O.; Brown, Joe, New Orleans, La.; Butterworth, Johnny, England.

Carvajal, Beto, Mexico; Carrera, Louis, France; Caulet, Auguste, France; Clayton, Marshall, New Orleans, La.; Esqueda, Raul, Mexico; Evatt, Buddy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fisher, Tony, Australia.

Garcia, Hector, Mexico; Germaine, Ivor (Kid), Trinidad, B. W. I.; Handke, Werner, Germany; Herbillon, Jacques, France; Herman, Freddy (Babe), Los Angeles, Cal.; Lopes, Joe, Sacramento, Cal.; Janssen, Jo, Belgium.

Johansen, Jorgen, Denmark; Jordan, Don, Hollywood, Calif.; Lane, Kenny, Muskegon, Mich.; Lightburn, Ludwig, British Honduras; Lucy, Joe, England; Matnog, Star, Philippines.

Montano, Rocky, Philippine Islands; Oliveri, Angel Argentine; Prada Alfredo, Argentina; Ramponi, Art, Oakland, Cal.

Rivera, Manuel, Mexico City, Mex.; Ros, Bobby, Spain; Salas, Lauro, Monterey, Mex.

Toweel, Vic, South Africa; Van Rensberg, J, South Africa; Vasquez, Baby, Mexico City, Mex.; Woods, Bobby, Spokane, Wash.

Class B

Abrams, Boland, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alvarez Lenny, New Orleans, La.; Amoroso, Freddy, Oakland, Cal.; Antonini, Franco, Italy; Armistead, Larry, New Orleans, La.; Avelle, Rene, Cuba.

Beragano, Armando, Cuba; Barao, Emil, San Francisco, Cal.; Barksdale, Elmer, Baltimore, Md.; Barnes, John, Detroit, Mich.; Berry, George, Chicago, Ill.

Bertolino, Eddie, Galveston, Tex.; Bickle, Bobby, Topeka, Kan.; Boy, Tenejeros, Philippine Islands; Bracken, George, Australia; Brown, Al, British Guiana.

Brown, Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Brown, Walter, Baltimore, Md.; Burt, Phil, Australia.

Campos, Juan Luis, Hollywood, Cal.; Cantiberos, Larry, Hawaii; Capone, Ralph, Chicago, Ill.; Carvalho, Ray, Hawaii; Cervantes, Ralph, Chicago, Ill.

Clark, Colin, Australia; Clemons, Earl, Baltimore, Md.; Coates, Carl, Baltimore, Md.; Colazzo, Damesco, Cuba.

Davis, Reuben, Philadelphia, Pa.; de Hoyos, Jesse, Mexico; de Hoyos, Rudy, Mexico; Dennis, Earl, New York; Diaz, Gabriel, Mexico City, Mex.

Docusen, Maxie, New Orleans, La.; Donnell, Abel, Hawaii; Dunn, Charlie, Australia; Dunn, Georgie, Edmonton, Alb., Can.; Echevarria, Lesmes, Cuba; Esqueda, Enrique, Mexico; Esteban, Santiago, Walsenburg, Colo.

Figueroa, Emilio, Cuba; Fillipo, Lou, Los Angeles, Cal.; Fitchique, Kit, Matanzas, Cuba; Flores, Jesse, Stockton, Cal.

Gallardo, Lalo, Mexico; Garbelli, Gancario, Italy; Garcia, Louis, Hayward, Cal.; Garcia, Manola, Spain; Gomez, Enrique, Mexico; Gonsalez, Beto, Mexico; Gostello, Baby, Japan; Gracia, Guy, France.

Harrison, Les, Australia; Hayden, Jackie, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Hernandez, Fidel, Nueve Rosita, Mex.; Hidalgo, Domingo, Torreon, Mex.

Hita, Floro, Havana; Holmes, Graham, Manchester, Conn.; Humphreys, Noel, Charlestown, W. Va.; Hunter, Al, New York.

Jackson, Nat (Killer), New Orleans, La.; Janssens, Joseph M., Belgium; Jorgeson, Paul, Port Arthur, Tex.; Justine, Georgie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kasama, Keijiro, Japan.

Kelley, Brian, Niagara Falls, Ont., Can.; King, Alfred, South Africa; Kirby, Doug, San Francisco, Cal.; Kobayashi, Hidsto, Japan; Kosaka, Katsomi, Japan.

Labalette, Jean, France; Lakatos, Elmer, Youngstown, O.; Lastre, Rafael, Cuba; Lawal, Bola, Nigeria; Lerma, Tommy, Philippine Islands; Lopez, Armando, Havana, Cuba.

Macias, George, Mexico City, Mex.; Mallane, Pat, Union City, Conn.; Manaois, Tommy, Stockton, Cal.; Mantecon, Mario, Mexico; Manzo, Libby, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.

Mares, Salvador, Durango, Mex.; Martinez, Armando, Cuba; Martinez, Juanito, Mexico; Mathis, Babe, Los Angeles, Cal.

Matute, Vincente, Venezuela; Medley, Doug, Louisville, Ky.; Mendoza, Zurdo, Mexico; Mente, Aldo, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miloud, Ben, French Morocco; Monforte, Freddy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Monroe, George, Worcester, Mass.; Monetro, Ceferino, Mexico; Morrell, Jose, New York.

O'Campo, Julio, Argentine; Ortiz, Enrique, Mexico; Padilla, Juan, Tampico, Mex.; Parkes, Frank, England.

Peno, Marcelino, Mexico; Plummer, Fredrico, Panama; Randell, Rocky, Tampa, Fla.

Renteria, Manuel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Romulo, Tommy, Philippine Islands; Salazar, Augie, San Francisco, Cal.; Sardinas, Rufino, Cuba.

Savala, Jimmy, Madera, Cal.; Savino, Nestor, Argentine; Sharpe, Al, Belfast, Ireland; Slaughter, Charlie, Westfield, N. J.

Soo, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Stribling, Ron, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Takano, Steve, Honolulu, T. H.; Tanner, Allan, British Guinea; Tibbs, Tommy, Boston, Mass.

Underwood, Jesse, Detroit, Mich.; Uribe, Luis, Chavez, Mex.; van Klaveren, Piet, Holland; Vazquez, Luis, Torreon, Mex.; Vazquez, Salvador (Chavy), Mexico; Villareal, Augie, San Francisco, Cal.; Zielke, Mickey, La Cross, Wis.

Class C

Abner, Henry, L. I. City, N. Y.; Acheries, Hank, Los Angeles, Cal.; Acusta, Bobby, Hawaii; Adams, Don, New Orleans, La.; Adams, George, Atlanta, Ga.

Aguilar, Bombero, Yucatan, Mex.; Algaribel, Antonio, Spain; Almos, Jerry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Alvarez, Joe, San Francisco, Cal.; Ambrosio, Joe, Yucatan, Mex.

Arel, Andy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arellano, Baby, El Paso, Tex.; Armenta, Frankie, Kennewick, Wash.

Armstrong, Jim, Philadelphia, Pa.; Armstrong, Kid, Bermuda; Artist, Benny, New York; Atwater, Maxie, Jersey City, N. J.; Avery, John, Detroit, Mich.

Bacuettes, Hector, Algiers; Baker, Paul, Los Angeles, Cal.; Barrows II, Hankin, Panama; Barto, Tommy, New Kensington, Pa.; Beals, Billy, Oakland, Cal.

Beau, Rocky, Holyoke, Mass.; Bettancourt, Johnny, L. I. City, N. Y.; Bibbs, Bernard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bidau, Enrique, Venezuela; Bolanos, Panchito, Torreon, Mex.; Bambiani, Sammy, Ambridge, Pa.; Boutillette, Harry, Newark, N. J.

Brooks, Bobby, Detroit, Mich.; Brown, Little Pappa, Seattle, Wash.; Brown, Pat, Robstown, Tex.; Brown, Willie, New York; Bruce, Clarence, Oakland, Cal.

Burns, Jimmy, Greenville, S. C.; Campbell, Eddie, Pawtucket, R. I.; Canto, Baby, Mexico; Carruthers, Roy, Akron, O.

Carter, Frank, San Francisco, Cal.; Carter, Jerry, Los Angeles, Cal.; Carter, Leo, Indianapolis, Ind.; Cassidy, John, Philadelphia, Pa.

Castillo, Gilberto, Oakland, Cal.; Castillo, Lou, Oakland, Cal.; Castillo, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles, Harvey, New York; Chastain, Carl, Asheville, N. C.

Cheatum, Dave, New Orleans, La.; Cheatum, Don, Newark, N. J.; Chung, Lindford, Hawaii; Clay, Harry, Battle Creek, Mich.

Cody, Bill, Springfield, Mass.; Cody, Pat, Providence, R. I.; Collins, Georgie, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.; Colon, Mario, Puerto Rico; Compos, Vic, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Conners, Dexter, Montreal, Can.; Cook, Jimmy, Belfast, Me.

Cooper, Billy, Pensacola, Fla.; Copp, Charlie, Oakland, Cal.; Cruz, Rudy (Flores), Houston, Tex.; Cummings, Charlie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curry, Howard (Moon), Philadelphia, Pa.

Dale, Jack (Johnny), Trenton, N. J.; Davis, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Davis, Billy, Louisville, Ky.; Davis, Bobby, Newark, N. J.; Davis, Ellwood, Philadelphia, Pa.; Davis, Russell, Reno, Nev.

DeCola, Tony, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Delfano, Tony, Waterbury, Conn.; Delk, Willie, Waycross, Ga.; DeLorenzo, Benny, St. John, N. B., Can.; DelPiano, Frankie, Grays Ferry, Pa.

Demchuck, Ernie, Edmonton, Can.; Demchuck, Harold, Edmonton, Can.; DeMura, Jimmy, Syracuse, N. Y.; Desmaris, Ollie, Los Angeles, Cal.; DeVito, Frankie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dick, Marvin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Diggs, Charley, Baltimore, Md.

Donaldson, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.; Droody, Marvin (Ace), Houston, Tex.; Drouin, Jerry, Montreal, Can.; Duarte, Al, New Bedford, Mass.

Easterling, George, Port Arthur, Texas; Elias, Frank, Oakland, Cal.; English, Bobby, Fall River, Mass.; Ernsten, Don, Salt Lake City, Utah; Escalero, Frederico, Puerto Rico; Escobar, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Fisher, Johnny, (Red), Denver, Colo.; Flamio, Bill, New York; Fletcher, Norman, Roanoke, Va.; Flores, Bobby, Houston, Tex.; Flores, Tommy, Stockton, Cal.

Florita, Jimmy, Stockton, Cal.; Fortuno, Sammy, Montreal, Can.; Francis, Billy, Baltimore, Md.; Freese, Frankie, New York.

Gadson, Nicki, Newark, N. J.; Galez, Joe, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gallegos, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gallegos, Tony, Los Angeles, Cal.

Garcia, Lorenzo, Houston, Tex.; Garcia, Mike, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Garcia, Tony, Monterey, Mex.; Gardner, Billy, New York; Garza, Bobby, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Gerena, Wilfredo, New York.

Gonzales, Ray, Del Rio, Texas; Gonzales, Santiago, Rosita, Mex.; Gonzales, Sec, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gorman, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Grey, Jerry, Baltimore, Md.

Grow, Jimmy, Boise, Idaho; Gusman, Aladino, Honolulu, T. H.; Guzetti, Joe, Watertown, Mass.; Hammond, Eddie, Louisville, Ky.; Hart, Johnny, Phoenix, Ariz.

Henry, Bobby, Dallas, Tex.; Herman, Lou, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hickman, Marvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hilton, Earl, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hobbs, Johnny, Chicago, Ill.; Houle, Leo, Holyoke, Mass.

Jackson, Buddy, Muskegon, Mich.; Jackson, Cortez, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jefferson, Timmie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnson, Jack, Frankfort, Ky.; Johnson, Norman, Milwaukee, Wis.; Johnson, Walter, Paterson, N. J.

Jones, LeRoy, Halifax, N. S., Can.; Jones, Sonny, Hartford, Conn.; Junior, Young, Springfield, Mass.

Kawala, Pete, Minneapolis, Minn.; Keeling, Don, Cincinnati, O.; Kelly, Joe, Chicago, Ill.; Kelly, Pat, Lawrence, Mass.; Kerwin, Gale, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.; Kiley, Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kinnard, James, Houston, Tex.; Kostoupalos, Paul, Baltimore, Md.; Kursa, Stan, Detroit, Mich.; LaMalza, Georgie, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lancaster, Ray, Spartanburg, S. C.; Lane, Cleo, San Francisco, Cal.; LeBlanc, Frenchy, Port Arthur, Tex.; Lee, Gordon, San Jose, Cal.

Leggett, Eli, Detroit, Mich.; Leone, Carlo (Rocky), Dorchester, Mass.; Lewis, Howard, Comfort, Tex.; Long, Johnny, Elizabeth, N. J.; Lucero, Willie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Luera, Henry, Houston, Tex.; Lynah, Ray, Newark, N. J.; Lynch, Billy, Hartford, Conn.; Lynch, Gary, Kansas City, Kan.

McCann, Artie, New York; McPhee, Ken, Vancouver, B. C., Can.; MacKinnon, Ernie, Nova Scotia, Can.; Madison, Frankie, New York; Maldonado, Iggy, Puerto Rico; Maldonado, Joey, Denver, Colo.

Marciano, Tommy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Martinez, Amado, Los Angeles, Cal.; Martino, Lou, Jersey City, N. J; Mathews, Elvis, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Matos, Monserrate, New York; Mattison, Bob, Wilmington, Cal.

Mattingly, Ken, Louisville, Ky.; Mayberry, Clyde, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Meeks, Benny, Chicago, Ill.; Melendez, Juan, Mexico; Meyers, Emil, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mitchell, Davey, Toronto, Can.; Mitchell, Jimmy, Pensacola, Fla.; Mohammed, Nur, India; Montes, Manuel, San Jose, Cal.

Moore, Al, Oakland, Cal.; Moore, Bobby, Sydney, N. S., Can.; Moreno, Joe, New York; Morgan, Billy, Miami, Fla.; Morgan, Langston, Youngstown, O.; Moulton, Jim, New York.

Nealon, Frankie, New York; Neeves, Frankie, Newport, R. I.; Nelson, Willard, Portland, Ore.; Norwood, Claude, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Olivas, Luis, Durango, Mex.; Olmstead, Merrill, Springfield, Mass.; Ortega, Casper, Mexico City, Mex.; Otero, Manny, Los Angeles, Cal.

Patzer, Herbie, Anaconda, Mont.; Perez, Joey, Los Angeles, Cal.; Perez, Juan, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Perkins, Dick, Milwaukee, Wis.; Proko, Steve, New York.

Puelo, Anthony, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pyle, Tiger, Moncton, Can.; Portilla, Ray, New York; Quesada, Joe, El Paso, Tex.

Ramos, Andy, Fresno, Cal.; Redondo, Felix, Bayonne, N. J.; Reed, Braxton, New York; Reed, Tommy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Reyes, Tony, Los Angeles, Cal.; Robb, Billy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Roberts, Guillermo, Cuba; Robinson, Gus, Stamford, Conn.; Robinson, Wilbur, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rodgers, Sammy, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Rodriquez, Gervasio, Havana, Cuba.

Roma, Guy, Newark, N. J.; Ruiz, Chucho, Mexico; Ruscho, Sammy, New Orleans, La.; Russell, Earl (Rip), Old Hickory, Tenn. Salazar, Tony, Salt Lake City, Utah; Sanchez, Gines, France; Sanchez, Rudy, San Jose, Cal.; Santiago, Danny, Hawaii; Satchel, Bobby, Phoenix, Ariz.

Scott, Solis, New Orleans, La.; Seabrooke, David, Jacksonville, Fla.; Seebek, Mike, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Sehon, Sonny, Miami, Fla.; Sequeira, Frankie, Oakland, Cal.; Sequeira, Stanley, Oakland, Cal.

Shea, Paul, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sierra, Lou, Galveston, Tex.; Silva, Bobby, Mexico; Smith, Charlie, Detroit, Mich.; Smith, Freddie, New York; Smith, Gerry, Bermuda.

Smith, Marvin, Wichita, Kan.; Smith, Paul, Denver, Colo.; Smith, Stan, New Haven, Conn.; Sommers, Frank, Milwaukee, Wis.; Spano, Tony, Chicago, Ill.

Stevenson, Willie, Boston, Mass.; Sullivan, Jimmy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sullivan, Rocky, Dorchester, Mass.; Sulzman, Willie, West Jordan, Utah.

Tart, Aaron, Philadelphia, Pa.; Temple, Syl, Washington, D. C.; Tercero, Sammy, Stockton, Cal.; Terrell, Vince (Tero), Salinas, Cal.; Thomas, Freddy, New York; Thomas, Jimmy, St. Louis, Mo.

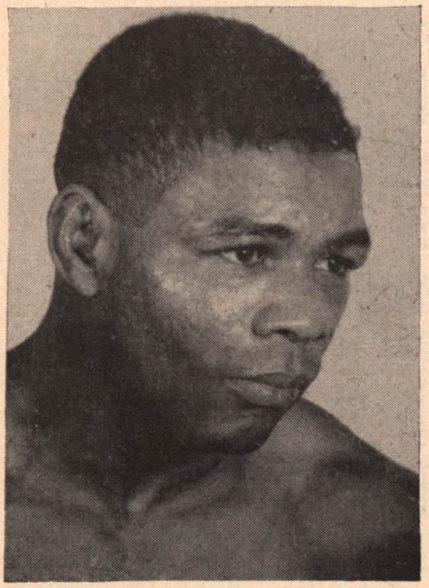
Thompkins, Jim, Newark, N. J.; Tisalona, Wilfred, Hawaii; Tourcotte, Mike, New Orleans, La.; Trero, Maxie, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Valencia, Raul, Richmond, Cal.; Valentine, John, Detroit, Mich.; Vandeveer, Blackie, Seattle, Wash.; Venuto, Carmen, Oakland, Cal.; Vinje, Murray, Calgary, Alb., Can.

Ward, Daniel, Panama; Ware, Martin,

Omaha, Neb.; Wamsley, Joe, New York; Webber, Cloe, Chicago, Ill.; West, Junius, New Orleans, La.; White, John, Detroit, Mich.

Wilde, Jimmy, New York; Williams, Lucky, Bermuda; Wiloby, Eddie, Galveston, Tex.; Wilson, Lloyd, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wooten, Luke, Toledo, O.



TEDDY DAVIS

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.

Group I

1—Sandy Saddler, New York, N. .Y
2—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
3—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.

GROUP II

1—Ray Famechon, France
2—Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Ciro Morasen, Cuba
4—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
5—Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
6—Billy Kelly, Ireland
7—Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GROUP III

1—Orlando Echevarria, Cuba
2—Shijeki Kaneko, Japan
3—Flash Elorde, Philippines
4—Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.
5—Sammy McCarthy, England
6—Baby Ortiz, Mexico
7—Antonio (Puppy) Garcia, Cuba
8—Pedro Tesis, Panama
9—Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
10—Roy Ankrah, West Africa
11—Cherif Hamia, France

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Class A

Aldama, Angel, Mexico; Alvarez, Juan Belgium; Anahuac, Kid, Mexico; Bataan, Larry, Philippine Islands; Bell, Bobby, Youngstown, O.

Bossio, Bill, Hartsdale, N. Y.; Bunetta, Alfredo, Argentine; Burgin, Eddie, Cincinnati, O.; Cadilli, Gil, Hollywood, Cal.; Carrillo, Humberto, LaLaguna, Mex.; Castillo, Thomas, Mexico; Chickaoui, Mohamed, France.

Collins, Tommy, Boston, Mass.; Cotero, Jose, Dallas, Tex.; Davis, Kenny, Clarendon, Tex.; Delgardo, Roberto, Cuba; Dumesnil, Jacques, France.

Escobar, Ben, Philippine Islands; Galiano, Jose, Spain; Gallardo, Dave, Los Angeles, Cal.; Galvani, Luis, Havana, Cuba.

Garcia, Francisco, Colon, Puerto Rico; Garcia, Manolo, Spain; Gomes, Harold, Providence, R. I.; Gonzales, Jose (Baby), Mexico City, Mexico; Gonzalez, Ricardo, Argentina.

Gutierrez, Baby Face, San Diego, Calif.; Hancock, Taffy, Australia; Hernandez, Jose, Spain; King, Trevor, Australia; Leanos, Juan, Mexico; Legendre, Jacques, France; Martinez, Isidro, Panama; Milan, Sergio, Italy; Medina, Theo, France; Moore, Dave, Springfield, O.

Nuvoloni, Alvaro, Italy; O'Brien, Johnny, Boston; Pep, Willie, Hartford, Conn.; Pina, Pedro, Torreon, Mexico; Peckham, Teddy, England.

Polidori, Altidoro, Italy; Pravisani, Aldo, France; Riley, Charley, St. Louis, Mo.

Saad, Mousse, North Africa; Saavedra, Cesar, LaLaguna, Mexico; Sinachan, Damrongdez, Thailand; Sodano, Frankie, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sosa, Felipe, Mexico; Tissong, Alby, South Africa; Zuddas, Gianni, Italy.

Class B

Akanuma, Akowoshi, Japan; Alonzo, Leo, Philippine Islands; Alvarez, Juan, Belgium; Angelo, Ray, Philippine Islands.

Azteca, Baby, Mexico; Barragan, Carlos, Mexico; Barretto, Alfredo, Philippine Islands; Bill, Black, Panama; Bruno, Jose, Argentine; Cam, Joey, Boston, Mass..

Chestnut, Ike, New York; Cole, Bruce, Australia; Coleman, Ray, Australia; Colazzo, Juan, Chavez, Mex.; Conde, Blas, Argentina.

Contreras, Luis (Teion), Mexico City, Mex.; Cooper, Jimmy, Washington, D. C.; Copeland, Auburn, Detroit, Mich.; Corso, Joe, Mexico.

Courchesne, Bobby, Springfield, Mass.; Crawford, Eddie, Akron, O.; Cruz, Al, Los Angeles, Cal.; de la Cruz, Enrique, Mexico; de la Cruz, Mofles, Mexico; de la Rosa, Mario, LaLaguna, Mex.

Ennis, Curtis, Durham, N. C.; Escobero, Julio, Mexico; Evans, Billy, Pasadena, Cal.; Francis, Rodolfe, Panama.

Gambino, Joey, Levittown, L. I., N. Y.; Garcia, Gallito, Mexico City, Mex.; Garlash, Mike, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Gony, Baby, Philippine Islands; Grasso, Tony, New Britain, Conn.

Higa, Roy, Hawaii; Hernandez, Roy, Mexico City, Mex.; Higgins, Tommy, England; Hill, Charley, England; Hurley, Charley, Scotland.

Kaminsky, Herky, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Kiriz, Bombon, Mexico; Komoro, Kelichi, Japan; Lamelas, Enrique, Cuba; Layton, Young, Australia; Lombard, Tony, South Africa.

Longo, Tony, Baltimore, Md.; Lopiano, Mario, Argentine; Lorenzo, Joe, Cuba; Marcune, Pat, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mars, Mickey, Cleveland, O.

Martinez, Baudilio, Chavez, Mex.; Martinez, Santiago, Havana, Cuba; Medina, Juan, Cuba.

Medina, Sammy, Panama; Mejia, Ray San Pedro, Mex.; Morales, Cesar, Mexico.

Nakamura, Kazeo, Japan; Olmos, Estudiante, Durango, Mex.; Osario, Filberto, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ponce Vic, Los Angeles, Cal.

Quijano, Victor Manuel, Yucatan, Mex.; Randle, Nunu, Richmond, Cal.; Regan, Young, Australia; Reyes, Nestor, Philippine Islands; Rodriquez, Martin, Cuba; Rollins, Dave, Detroit, Mich.

Ruiz, Trini, Mexico City, Mex.; Sarabia, Zurdo (Jose), Mexico; Serafin, Genaro, Mexico; Short, Billy, Charlotte, N. C.; Silva, Fernando, Cuba.

Santos, Dus, Portugal.

Smith, Harry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Smith, Reuben, Los Angeles, Cal.; Spina, Roberto, Italy; Tague, Russ, Eldridge, Ia.; Torres, Moi, Mexico; Tucker, Charley, England.

Uribe, Ezequiel, Mexico; van Hoeck, Louis, Belgium; Vazquez, Rafeal, Torreon, Mex.; Venegas, Juan, Puerto Rico.

Walters, Len, Vancouver, B. C.; Why, Bobby, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wilkinson, Joe, Washington, D. C.; Zaldivar, Isidro, Cuba.

Class C

Alaniz, Baby, Houston, Tex.; Alfonso, Lazaro, Cuba; Allen, Kid, Panama; Alvarez, Tony, Seattle, Wash.; Andueza, Gonzalo, Venezuela; Armstrong, Dick, Cleveland, O.

Bain, Tommy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Batista, Manuel, New York; Bear, Teddy, Portland, Ore.; Bellrosa, Bob, Louisville, Ky.; Blanchard, Yvon, Montreal, Can.

Bradley, Clifton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Braford, Dave, Detroit, Mich.; Bravo, Freddy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Burkhead, Don, Charlestown, Ind.

Calderone, Vinnie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Caldwell, Walter, Los Angeles, Cal.; Calhoun, Harold, New York; Carmona, Louis, New York; Carr, Johnny, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Carrillo, Dave, New York; Carrillo, Joaquin, Mexico; Cassady, Dick, Detroit, Mich.; Cherry, Jimmy, Grays Ferry, Pa.; Chong, Jimmy, New Orleans, La.

Clave, Gilbert, Montreal, Can.; Coleman, Chuck, Detroit, Mich.; Coleman, Rudy, Oakland, Cal.; Connell, Ted, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Cooper, Eddie, Louisville, Ky.; Coppinger, Jesse, Phoenix, Ariz.; Cox, Collier, Phoenix, Ariz.

Dale, Gene, St. Louis, Mo.; Davidson, Johnny (Speedy), New Orleans, La.; Davis, Stanley, Reno, Nev.; Decker, George, Gloversville, N. Y.; DeVanno, Nick, Hartford, Conn.; Dundee, Baby, Philippine Islands; Duran, Raul, Juarez, Mex.

Felix, Paul, San Francisco, Cal.; Fimbres, Alex, Phoenix, Ariz.; Fusco, Carl, New York.

Gilmore, Ples, Toledo, O.; Gonzales, Homero, Robstown, Tex.; Gonzalez, Emilio, Puerto Rico; Grinton, Don, Brantford, Ont., Can.; Guillette, Joe, Lawrence, Mass.

Hall, Teddy, St. Louis, Mo.; Hernandez, Jose, Torreon, Mex.; Hobbs, John, Los Angeles, Cal.; Howard, Leroy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Humphreys, Al, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hutchins, Norman, Trenton, N. J.

Ithia, Jimmy, New York; Ivey, Glen, Charlotte, N. C. Jack, Baby Beau, New York; Jackson, Bobby, New Orleans, La.; Jansie, Johnny, Philadelphia, Pa.

LaClava, Clem, Sharpsburg, Pa.; Langlois, Young, Providence, R. I.; LeBlanc, Til, Moncton, N. B., Can.; Lee, Davey, Reno, Nev.; Lemmons, Johnny, New York.

Lockett, Eddie, Butte, Mont.; Lopez, Candy, Hollywood, Cal.; Lujon, Hank, Sacramento, Cal.

McGarrity, Charley, Rahway, N. J.; McGuire, Mickey, Seattle, Wash.; Mairoana, Tony, Stockton, Cal.; Mancilla, Ray, Yucatan, Mex.; Mara, William, Hawaii; Mara, Harold, Hawaii.

Martinez, Eli, Los Angeles, Cal.; Martinez, Ernie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Martinez, Tacho, Mexico.

Medina, Chico, Venezuela; Molina, Marcelino, Venezuela; Mullin, Art, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mullin, Larry, Louisville, Ky; Nobleza, Joe, Los Angeles, Calif.

Okawa, Hiroshi, Japan; O'Rourke, Hugh, Worcester, Mass.; Oved, David, Israel; Owens, Jimmy, Compton, Cal.

Paliotti, Gaby, Montreal, Can.; Perez, Juan, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Perez, Reuben, Hollywood, Cal.; Powell, Dick, Chicago, Ill.; Pumarejo, Ernesto, Puerto Rico.

Ramirez, Transito, Torreon, Mex.; Ramizetti, Dick, Detroit, Mich.; Ramos, Ernest, Oceanside, Cal.; Reid, George, Detroit, Mich.; Ricco, Vinnie, Hartford, Conn.; Richards, LeRoy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ridella, Rufino, Hawaii; Rodriquez, Eddie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rodriquez, Jesse, Warren, O.; Romero, Owen, New Orleans, La.; Rosati, Mickey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roybal, Jimmy, Los Angeles, Cal.

Saint, Young, Holyoke, Mass.; Salazar, Ruben, Los Angeles, Cal.; Sandoval, Luke, Los Angeles, Cal.; Savedra, Carlos, New Orleans, La.

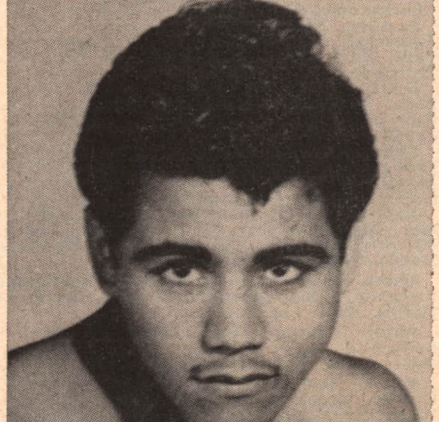
Scanlon, Bobby, Buffalo, N. Y.; Sheehan, Johnny, New York; Simpson, Gerry, Montreal, Can.; Smanchan, Damronadez, Thailand; Smith, Al, Boston, Mass.; Smith, Bill, Hollywood, Cal.; Smith, Harold, Washington, D. C.

Stephany, George, New York; Strutz, Jerry, Portland, Ore.; Supple, Don, Montreal, Can.

Tisi, Al, New York; Treadway, Maurice, Charlotte, N. C.; Trevino, Alvino, Austin, Tex.; Trujillo, Joey (Kid), Mexico.

Vasquez, Ernie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Vazquez, Lorenzo, Richmond, Cal.; Velarde, Gil, Mexico; Veloza, Charlie, Fall River, Mass.; Venta, Hector, Cuba; Villa, Augie, San Jose, Cal.

Walden, Dave, Youngstown, O.; Ware, Al, Cincinnati, O.; Weaver, Bobby, Hartford, Conn.; Williams, Paul, Reno, Nev.; Wilson, Ike, Philadelphia, Pa.



RATON MACIAS

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France

Group I

1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Jimmy Carruthers, Australia (Retired)
3—Raul (Raton) Macias, Mexico City, Mex.
4—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
5—Mario D'Agata, Italy

Group II

1—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
2—Peter Keenan, Scotland
3—Willie Toweel, South Africa
4—Andre Valignat, France
5—Bobby Sinn, Australia
6—Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.
7—Bill Peacock, Los Angeles, Cal.
8—Hilaire Pratesi, France
9—Gaetano Annaloro, Italy
10—Orlando Castillo, Cuba
11—Fili Nava, Mexico

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Class A

Ampudia; Rodolfo, Colon, Panama; Armenteros, Manuel, Cuba.

Bacho, Gildardo, Mexico; Baggett, Buddy, Dallas, Texas; Bini, Dante, France; Botello, Lino, Mexico.

Campeche, Kid, Mexico; Carson, Eddie, Scotland; Chemama, Emile, France; Cochon, Maxime, France; de la Torre, Chebo, Mexico City, Mexico.

Enoch, Battling, Nigeria; Falcinelli, Amleto, Italy; Francis, Mannie, West Africa.

Gagnon, Fernando, Quebec City, Canada; Galvan, Otillo, Saltillo, Mexico; Gault, Henry, Pappy, Spartanburg, S. C.; Gonzalez, Lucio, Mexico; James, Kevin, Australia.

Johnson, Ron, England; Jooste, Gerry, South Africa; Kelly, Johnny, Ireland; Lomas, Oscar, Mexico; Martinez, Ernie, Denver, Colo.; Mongia, Jesse, Denver, Colo.; O'Neill, George, Ireland.

Pico, Black, Havana, Cuba; Reyes, Orlando, Cuba; Roberts, Teddy, St. Louis, Mo.; Schoonmaker, Cecil, New York.

Skena, Louis, France; Sitphol, Charles, Thailand.

Solis, Raul, Mexico; Teran, Keeny, Los Angeles, Cal.; Velverde, Jorge, LaLaguna, Mex.; Villa, Luis, Mexico City, Mex.

Class B

Andrade, Perico, Mexico; Bishop, Juan, Argentine; Boland, Joe, San Antonio, Tex.; Callahan, Bert, Greensboro, N. C.; Calvano, Francisco, Argentina.

Campos, Augustin, Durango, Mex.; Campos, Frankie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Casado, Pastor, Puerto Rico; Colomb, Jacques, France; Coronado, Rudy, Mexico; Couary, Beto, Mexico City, Mex.

Cruz, Mike, Mexico; Custer, Al, Philippine Islands; Dayrit, Ben, Philippine Islands; DeBow, Charlie, New York; de la Torre, Chebo, Mexico City, Mex.

Emmons, George, Australia; Fernandez, Enrique, Cuba; Gabino, Jorge, Mexico.

Garcia, Pedro, Mexico; Gaytan, Felix, Mexico; Geekie, Gil, London, Ont., Can.

Hernandez, Mike, Yucatan, Mex.; Herrera, Jorge, Mexico; Horiguchi, Takahusa, Japan; Horiguchi, Hososhi, Japan.

Ibarra, Mario, Torreon, Mex.; Iglesias, Angel, Mexico; Jack, Bindi, Australia; Jimenez, Sapito, Mexico.

Jones, Leroy (Casey), San Francisco, Cal.; Jones, Ray, England; Lopez, Baby, Mexico; Lopez, Jose, Mexico City, Mex.

Mario, Baby Moe, Reno, Nev.; Mir, Amada, Cuba; Miranda, Pedro, Argentine; Morales, Martin, Mexico.

O'Sullivan, Mickey, England; Ortiz, Cleo, New York; Parra, Ernesto, Mexico; Perez, Segundo, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rainbow, Teddy, Australia; Renard, Jean, Belgium; Reyes, Alberto, Chile; Rivera, Baby, Mexico City, Mex.; Rivero, Auriel, Mexico; Rodriquez, Benjamin, Cuba; Rodriquez, Manuel, Mexico.

Rollo, Pietro, Italy; Ruiz, Baby, Mexico; Santiago, Effrain, Puerto Rico; Saucedo, Rogelio, Saltillo, Mex.

Taguchi, Sasumu, Japan; Torres, Little Cuban, Mexico; Vasquez, Tommy, Torreon, Mex.; Webber, Don, Roanoke, Va.

Class C

Alvarez, Manuel, Mexico; Best, Junior, Salt Lake City, Utah; Canto, Joe, Yucatan, Mex.

Carabello, Jamie, San Francisco, Cal.; Castillo, Luis, Mexico City, Mex.; Coca, Benny, Compton, Cal.; Dennis, Mutt, Houston, Tex.

Edwards, Joe, Edmonton, Can.; Enriquez, El, Mexico; Escobar, Alfredo, Los Angeles; Ennis, Curtis, Durham, N. C.; Espinosa, Louis, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Young, Philippine Islands.

Gancko, George, Hawaii; Headdon, Bobby Lee, Charlotte, N. C.; Herrera, Jackie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Hidalgo, Celso, Mex.

Jacquet, George, Los Angeles, Cal.; Martinez, Pepe, San Francisco, Cal.; Mendez, Ramon, Puerto Rico.

Militante, Francis, Hawaii; Navan, Baby, Philippine Islands; Orta, Emilio, Mexico; Penalver, Sergio, Cuba; Picazo, Ruben, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ramirez, Manuel, Torreon, Mex.; Sanchez, Rick, Philippine Islands; Serrano, Aristeo, Mexico; Silva, Panchito, Mexico; Sims, Bullant, Australia; Singleton, Bob, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sylva, Ernest, Honolulu, T. H.

Torres, Tony, Mexico; Ulibarri, Eddie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Wiggins, Chuck, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wills, Young, Providence, R. I.

YOSHIO SHIRAI

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina

Group I

1—Pascual Perez, Argentina
2—Yoshio Shirai, Tokyo, Japan
3—Leo Espinosa, Manila, P. I.
4—Dai Dower, Wales
5—Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
6—Danny Kid, Manilla, P. I.
7—Tanny Campo, Manilla, P. I.
8—Eric Marsden, England
9—Jake Tuli, South Africa
10—Terry Allen, England (Retired)
11—Antonio Diaz II, Spain
12—Young Martin, Spain

Group II

1—Speedy Akira, Tokyo, Japan
2—Oscar Suarez, Cuba
3—Emile Delplanque, Belgium
4—Memo Diez, Mexico

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Class A

Andy, Cunning, Philippine Islands; Barenghi, Alberto, Argentina; Barletta, Pasquale, Italy; Blake, Vince, Australia; Bohbot, Charles, France.

Cruz, Ramon, Yucatan, Mex.; Cruz, Rene, Philippine Islands; de Leon, Mario, Mexico; Diaz, Mariano, Spain; Elston, Peter, Australia; Gaviano, Hilaire, France; Herman, Vic, Scotland.

Hampton, Kev, Australia; Hancock, Taffy, Australia; Jasse, Andre, France; Kid, Independence, Philippine Islands; Koch, Willibald, Germany.

Mouginot, Robert, France; O'Connor, Eddie, Ireland; Ortega, Johnny, Oakland, Cal.; Quinn, Jimmy, Scotland.

Quiroga, Marcelo, Argentine; Schatt, Guy, France; Uribe, Lazaro, Mexico; Ursua, Dommy, Philippine Islands; Van der zee, Henk, Holland.

Class B

Alberto, Angeles, Philippine Islands; Brown, Willie, Philippine Islands; Corbett, Tiny, South Africa; Dionisio, Pipo, France; Hasegawa, Masayuki, Japan.

Kid, Raytranco, Philippine Islands; Kumio, Vitichai, Thailand; Lombardozzi, Franco, Italy; Misako, Hitoshii, Japan; Ortega, Johnny, Oakland, Cal.; Rainbow, Teddy, Australia; Rodriquez, Orlando, Cuba.

Sanchez, Memo, Mexcio; Santamaria, Xuatito, Vera Cruz, Mex.; Sosa, Pablo, Argentine; Spurgeon, Jackie, New York.

Texaki, Hiroyuki, Philippine Islands; Valezquez, Urbano, Yucatan, Mex.

Class C

Alcantara, Rudy, Philippine Islands; Asprilla, Victor, Panama; Bisson, Gaston, Quebec, Can.

Camara, Mundo, Yucatan, Mex.; Campo, Vic, Philippine Islands; Castillo, Zurda, Yucatan, Mex.

Gamboa, Delfin, Mexico; Medina, Negro, Yucatan, Mex.

Rhett, Tommy, Berkeley, Cal.; Supple, Pat, Montreal, Can.; Zapata, Peter, Yucatan, Mex.

RING RATINGS EMBRACE THE WORLD

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and Flash Elorde of the Philippines are the first three in that order in Group III.

Cherif Hamia of France and Pedro Tesis of Mexico, each of whom has drawn considerable attention to himself in his native country, are among the numerically ranked in this division.

The lower two classes, the bantams and flyweights, as in past years, have mostly foreign boys receiving the top honors.

In the bantam class Robert Cohen of France heads a group of five of the outstanding boys in world boxing in his division, one of whom, Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, former champion, has retired. Jimmy is listed on his year's performances as our Number Two boxer, but with him out of competition, the outstanding challenger is Raton Macias of Mexico with Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand, who lost to Cohen, second in line and Mario D'Agata of Italy, another excellent boxer, winding up the first group.

Pierre Cosseymns of Belgium despite his recent disputed defeats at the hands of Billy Peacock tops the second group, making him really the fourth ranking bantam in world boxing.

Nate Brooks, who is listed sixth in this sector, Billy Peacock, seventh are the only American bantams receiving numerical classification.

Willie Toweel of South Africa and Hilaire Pratesi of France are newcomers in the numerical world final listing for the year.

The defeat of Yoshio Shirai of Japan by Pascual Perez of Argentina, enabled the latter to leap into the front ranks of the flyweights as world champion. Shirai is ranked second and Leo Espinosa, the best of his division in the Philippines, is rated behind Shirai.

Dai Dower of Wales, is another. He ranks next to Leo with Nazzarino Gianelli of Italy, fifth. Manila has two other lads listed in Danny Kid and Tanny Campo.

The second group is headed by Speedy Akira of Japan.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP by Charlie Parish

FISTICALLY, a busy month which marks the advance of many promising youngsters. The Filippi stable, of Paris, distinguished itself by some remarkable performances. Seraphin Ferrer robbed Caulet of the French lightweight title, Cherif Hamia ironed out Dumesnil to cop the feathers crown and the senior member of the stable, Charles Humez, paralyzed Mitri in three to regain the European middles bauble.

Ingo Johansson, Swedish heavy, wrapped up powerful Werner Wiegand in six. Another big guy of promise, Franco Cavicchi shattered the pretensions of Hugo Salfeld and outscored Ansell Adams.

Charles Colin continued his impressive gallop by blitzing Jeng Serres and Jose Gonzales. Gerhard Hecht, Hans Stretz, Lorenzo Rocci, Hilaire Pratesi and Jean Sneyers were other Continental luminairies who featured on shows during the month.

Sergio Milan returned from a successful Australian tourney and Loi, Europe's lightweight king, headed for the States, where Peter Müller began his campaign with a defeat by Gene Fullmer. Despite the setback, Müller made a good impression. Now for the details.

Valenciennes, France—That sharpshooting Belgian cruiser comer, Luigi Dominico, pounded out a good points win over the Frenchman, Jacques Lebegue, in a ten-rounder. Another Belgian prospect, Alain Cherville, scored a points win against Maurice Mols, French heavyweight, at Court St. Etienne.

Barcelona, Spain—Yanguas whipped Andres Lopez in a welter eight here and a couple of days later, Ben Buker II repeated a previous victory over Francisco Frances and Tony Lopez made one of his rare appearances to trim Guillermo Moreno in a lightweight eight.

Ancona, Italy—Fretzghi, the coal-black welter hailing from the distance Somali coast, hammered his way to another victory when he knocked out Cesare Bernacchia in three rounds.

At Bologna, Franco Cavicchi continued his gallop through the heavyweight line-up by blasting out the French hopeful, Francis Coeuret, in four rounds despite the visitor's lively resistance. Nell Barbadoro checkmated Ray Falkner, Parisian feather, also in the fourth and Walter Sarti trimmed Ernesto Trimboli in a lightweight six.

Rotterdam, Holland—Bep van Klaveren convinced himself and the world-at-large that his first defeat by Terry Ratcliffe was an accident. The Dutch veteran shellacked his British guest for eight rounds before the referee thought fit to intervene.

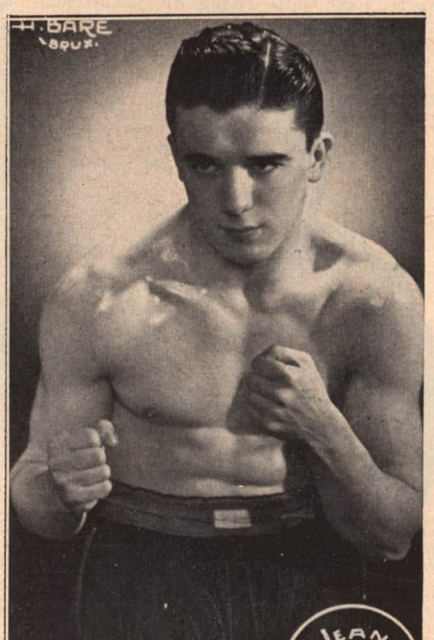
Leen Jansen retained his national middles crown by outscoring game Jan Hagenaar over twelve rounds but Hein van der Zee was less convincing against the French bantam hitter, Robert Meunier, who held the Hollander to a draw in eight rounds. Baby De Voogd, 220, returned to action with a knockout victory over Yves Calamari, 192, of France.

Paris—At the Central Club, heavyweights were the order of the day. Juan Mencia, swarthy Spaniard, outclassed roly-poly Jean Kurowski; Eugene D'Alessio, handsome and elegant Corsican, defeated Maurice Mols and finally, Robert Masson, blond Norman, got the better of Roland Guillé. All bouts were over eight rounds.

At Valenciennes, Frank Hermal chalked up a good win over the local lightweight, fair-haired Andre Clabec. At Nantes, Mohamed Chickaoui steamed into the Belgian feathers leader, Louis Cabo, and reduced him to surrender within seven rounds.

Ostend, Belgium—Al Bernard, the elongated challenger for the Belgian heavies title, drew with the Luxemburger, Jeng Serres, for the third time here.

At Courtrai, Victor Vicky demolished Siegfried Müller, Austrian novice cruiserweight, in the first round.



Jean Sneyers, the Belgian Angel, disposed of Italian featherweight Aldo Pravisani at Liege recently with confidence and an ease of manner as he points toward regaining of the European crown.

Barcelona, Spain—José Hernandez repulsed the attacks of Bobby Ros, featherweight stylist, in a good twelve-rounder which had José's national title at stake. Hernandez got the nod by a narrow margin. Juan Cardenas outscored Giueseppe Lumbacca, Italian bantam, over ten rounds, after the visitor had left the ring at the end of round five. A threat of no payment brought him back to finish the scrap.

Milan, Italy—Giancarlo Garbelli is treading in the steps of Aldo Spoldi, Orlandi and the other great Italian lighties. This very active scrapper from the mountains hammered away at the clever German, Albert Müller, for eight rounds and finally caught up with the Teuton in the ninth with a right hook to the jaw. Artenio Calzavara had a tougher battle than expected against lanky Winnfried Henne, German cruiser, and was obliged to share the honors after eight hard rounds.

Aristide Pozzali was ruled out in the first round of his flyweight battle with Renato Denti, for hitting low, while Mario Faverzani outscored Angelo Idi in a welter six and Francesco Strada unjustly got the nod over Oreste Vellucci in a bantam six.

Gothenburg, Sweden—The new Lion of the North, Ingo Johansson, proved himself to be a crackerjack heavyweight when he ripped into the burly Luxembourg giant, Werner Wiegand, and sent the massive invader crashing to the deck for the full count in round five. This was the Swede's first fight in a year.

Blond Gunnar Nilsson was likewise impatient and rid himself of young Jempy Bentz, Luxembourg cruiser, in six rounds. Elis Ask, the former Flying Finn, was back in action, whipping Yves Husson in a feathers six and Lejf Wadling, Swedish feather, trounced Andre Richard in six.

Emile Delmine, Belgian middle, and Baby Day of the U. S. A., gave an interesting exhibition of brains against brawn, in which brawn was the winner—Delmine.

Paris—At the Mutualité, Dante Bini made his debut as a feather, tackling that robust Franco-Algerian, Andre Younsi, whom he held to a draw after a fast ten-rounder. Jean Pedevin whipped the Spanish bantam, Jesus Rubio, over ten rounds.

At Dunkirk, Marcel Ramvial, dynamic north French hitter, slugged it out to a draw with Francis Bonnardel, blond ex-feathers champ, over ten rounds. Jean Gheerardyn stopped Abdelkader Kalifi in the third of a welter clash.

At Rheims, Robert Jacques flattened the Spanish welter, Marcos Boleda, in five and at Perigueux, Edouard Ptak checked Robert Di Mayo, Corsican lightie, in the ninth. At the Paris Central Club, Roger Ferragu was taken out of the fight in the round of his argument with middleweight Hubert Pierrard.

At Le Havre, Gilbert Ussin defeated Andre Couet in a welter ten.

Laon, France—Gilbert Lavoine, the rugged, square-cut railroadman who so abruptly lost his grip on the French welter leadership, made a return bid here against the very modest German, Alois Brand. The visitor was badly handled and was eventually knocked out in the fifth.

Leghorn, Italy—Hard-bitten Mario Roselini came back with a rush here by handing out a rude trouncing to Renato Beccaria, lightweight hope, in ten.

At Pavia, Aureliano Bolognesi halted Jacques Bohier, French welter, in the seventh and Annibale Omodei whipped Belanjou, French lightie, over six rounds.

Paris—A crowded Palais des Sports watched Seraphin Ferrer attain another first-rate triumph in his still brief career. On this occasion, the young Algerian took for his own the French lightweight title, hitherto in the excellent keeping of balding Auguste Caulet. Ferrer handed out a terrific pasting to the game champion. Referee Vaisberg halted the bout at the end of round thirteen.

Andre Ouellie stopped Henri Wadoux in the second of a middles contest. Claude Milazzo massacred the Beligan cruiser, Jean Corhay, who retired in the fourth round and the young Negro, Moussa Saad, defeated the Belgian, Juan Alvarez, in a lightweight eight.

Beyrouth, Syria—Garbis Zacharyan, the Turkish welter king, outfought the Greek middles champ, Jan Papadopoulos, over ten rounds here, despite cuts over both eyes.

Prato, Italy—Aristide Dal Piaz won a hard middles eight from the modest Frenchman, Louis Mourros, and Giovanni Bidini and Ferruccio Consorti drew in a welter six.

At Rieti, Flaviano Ciancarelli iced Franco Sisalli in the third of a feathers engagement.

At Grosseto, Altidoro Polidori outclassed the German bantam champ, Willibald Koch, in a hard ten-rounder.

St. Gaudens, France—Mickey Bellanger got the better of the wandering Spanish welter, Antonio Lopez, in a good eight, while at the Paris Central, René Bolivia was the winner over Andre Mauguin, who had to retire at the beginning of the eighth round, though it was Mauguin who dominated the whole fight and it was only the old bogy—cut eyes—that caused his retirement.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram—Rene Weissmann had his work cut out to get the nod against experienced Bruno Marostegan and Jean Ruellet repeated a previous victory over the Algerian, Bachir Cheraka, in two excellent welter tens. José Benourine drew with Bernard Jubert in a feathers eight and Jean Posic stopped Paul Occhipinti, Italian welter, in the sixth.

Antwerp—The quarter-finals of the welter competition gave the following results: Ahmed Bouraoui, Algeria, stopped Oscar De Schee-

maker in the seventh, Frans Wahl stopped Arthur Lamy in the sixth, Henry Callaerts, another deaf-mute boxer, decisioned Harry Mino, and Bob Stevens kayoed Remie Leys in three. All bouts were scheduled for eight rounds.

At Wavre, Marcel Limage stopped Günther Huber, German cruiser novice, in four rounds.

Lisieux, France—Constant Alcantara triumphed over the Belgian welter, Charles Odon, in the fifth round.

At Limoges, André Granet stopped Robert Tartari in the ninth round of a hectic feathers slam.

Berlin, Germany—Gerhard Hecht was the star of this show at the Sports Palace, where 9,000 fans watched him tackle the granite-hard Canadian, Yvon Durelle, but it was Hans Stretz, the middles champ, who got the plaudits of the crowd. Durelle proved to be an expert at ducking, weaving and dodging the attacks of Hecht. Hecht got the verdict after ten rounds.

Stretz faced another Transatlantic visitor, the unknown Barbados Negro, Ralph Scott, who pitched into the German champ right from the opening gong. By the fifth round, Stretz has his foe's number and a series of well-delivered rights to the chin toppled the Negro boy for the full count.

Siegfried Burrow scored a very impressive points win over Helmuth Höhmann in a good welter eight and Horst Niche upset Günhter Sladky by slamming out the one-time cruiser prospect in three rounds. Fritz Wenzel defeated Jean Vincke, Belgian welter, in a six-rounder, and Max Resch blitzed Paul Matti, Belgian middle, in round one.

Angers, France—Charles Colin scored another of his four-round successes; this time it was the Luxembourg cruiser champ, Jeng Serres, who outboxed the Frenchman for a couple of rounds but in the fourth he took five trips to the deck. The last visit lasted more than ten seconds.

Coutances, France—Robert Guivarch decisioned the local Negro, Mohamed Tedjini, in a good welter ten and Paul Cappato, featherweight, beat Jacques Loit over eight.

At Aix, Valére Benedetto returned after a long layoff to shatter the Belgian welter, Charles Colpin, in seven rounds, while the Portuguese middle, Hilario Martineira, flattened Mario Gonzalve in three and Dos Santos, Portuguese feather, trimmed the Franco-Greek, Michel Tsicuris, over six rounds.

At St. Brieuc, Guy Lascmobes laced Andre Briend in a welter ten and at Annemasse, Jo Perez continued his progress by checking the coal-black Martin Goma in the fifth of a welter clash.

Paris—Great activity at the smaller clubs. At the Mutualité, Jacques Royer-Crecy, 166, met the Guadaloupe Negro, Serge Barthelemy, 169, and between them, these two "stars" put up one of the poorest showings seen at the hall. Crecy was declared winner after ten drab sessions.

Andre Schatt upset Pipo Dionisio in a fast flyweight eight and Robert Meunier wore down clever Maxime Cochin to grab the duke after a hard bantam ten.

At the Central Club, Serge Leveque stiffened the Swiss middle, Alphonse Zollinger, inside a minute of the opening round and at the Stadium, Georges Bracco, middleweight, defeated Serge Paulier on points.

Montargis, France—Jean Piniarski, rising middles prospect, outfought the Trinidad champion, Armin Cumberpatch, over ten rounds.

At Tarbes, Ray Famechon boxed an exhibition with Benoit Polanco, a local fighter.

Milan, Italy—Sad day it was for the Italians, who watched one of their three cherished European titles go west as Charles Humez, France, crippled the blond Triestino, Tiberio Mitri, inside three rounds. The French middle was transformed into a raging fury early in the third, when he dropped Mitri for a brief count. He gave the title-holder no chance to regain control but pounded away with both hands at the rapidly crumbling defenses of the Italian. Finally the ref, Nicolle, halted the homicide.

Franco Cavicchi was in excellent form, avenging a previous defeat by the German, Hugo Salfeld, who retired in the fifth round of a heavyweight collision.

Jimmy King was only given a draw with Sandro D'Ottavio in a middles eight and Ivano Fontana clearly outfought tough Simon Ayankin, French cruiser, over eight. Vecchiato, Italian welter, thrashed Rolle of France, in six.

La Hulpe, Belgium—Alain Cherville scored another victory, this time over a fellow-countryman, Wyns, via the points route.

The Hague, Holland—Piet van Klaveren was not in top form against the Belgian battler, Louis van Hoeck, but trimmed the visitor in ten rounds.

Theo Baars, Dutch welter from the East Indies, outboxed another Fleming, Frans Nevens, over eight and Nico Schoenmaker nodded Jimm Lyggett of Germany in another welter eight. Vicky Vandenberg stopped Otto Domke, German lightie, in the sixth of a lightweight argument.

Rome—Mario Calcaterra roughed it out with Remo Viarengo and won this lightie dispute on points over eight rounds. Francesco De Angelis iced Alfredo Contenta in the opening session of a feathers bout.

At Cremona, Aristide Pozzali made sure of Renato Denti by knocking out his fellow-southpaw in the third of their flyweight encounter.

In Milan, Guido Mazzinghi whipped the French middle, Binder, over eight rounds.

At Mestre, the Negro Frezghi stopped Bruzzone in four and Cavalieri nodded Mario Posca in two lightweight bouts.

St. Jean de Luz, France—In two welter contests, Forgues knocked out the Spaniard, Gonzales, in one and Olascuaga gained revenge on Bengoa, Spain, by beating him on points.

In a feathers fray, Pepeder drew with another Spaniard, Zahia.

At the Paris Central, Michel Hermier lost out to Hubert Pierrard in a welter six and in a cruiser six, Lepercq nodded the Pole, Richrad Basnaszack.

At Arques, Roger Facqueur iced Charles Dhery, welter, in four.

At Asnieres, near Paris, Jacques Prigent crushed Kid Eugene of Belgium in the fifth of a welter duel and young Roger Prigent blasted another Belge, Leclerc, in the third of a lightweight assignment.

Paris—At the Salle Wagram, Louis Carrara did very well to battle to a draw with the strong Spanish lightweight, Manolo Garcia, after a tremendous struggle. Louis Trochon stopped André Drapier in the third of a middles bout and Boudier whipped Toboul in a lightweight larrup.

Charleroi, Belgium—Luigi Dominico, Italo-Belgian cruiser hope, bested Grym over eight, Beyens of Belgium nodded Falcowski, French welter, over eight and Raphael Diaz, Belgian feather of Spanish extraction, drew with Zimny.

St. Etienne, France — Mario Ciccarelli punched out a good win over Bouadjemi Mokhfi, who retired in the third of this welter set-to. Andre Clabec checkmated Bouheroua in the third of a feathers clash and Jacques Bihi stopped Burman in another feathers engagement. In the third round, natch.

At Caen, Constant Alcantara, the Sable Slasher, was held to a draw by the hardy Belgian middles king, Emile Delmine, in a rugged ten-rounder.

Paris—At the Stadium, Francois Granger splintered the fading Andre Scotto in the sixth of a feathers combat and at the Central Club, Rene Harivel easily got the better of Massaoudi in a welter eight. Salvatore Vangi laced Marcel Berthel in a feathers ten at Dijon.

Paris—The Palais des Sports was choc-a-bloc with fans waiting to see the metropolitan idol, Jacques Dumesnil, defend his brand-new feathers title against the sudden threat from the amateur ranks, Cherif Hamia. The latter, an Algerian, has a brief but untarnished record and to that he can now add a win over Dumesnil. It was a fairly level contest until the tenth round, when Hamia floored the champ with a left and right, which laid Dumesnil hors-de-combat.

Hilaire Pratesi outboxed the game English bantam, Teddy Peckham, over eight and blond Roger Atlan flattened Georges Bracco in the fifth of a middles shindig.

Mohamed Chickaoui scraped home a very close winner over the Spanish featherweight bomber, Jose Galiana, who arrived by air a couple of hours before the fight. The result was booed loud and long, Galiana got the press verdict.

Liege, Belgium—Jean Sneyers outboxed the storming Italian feather, Aldo Pravisani, and his confidence and ease of style gave rise to hopes that the Belgian Angel can regain his foothold at the top of the tree. In two welter discussions, Hoeffler whipped Tanghe and Abel Soudan stopped Verbist in the second. Six thousand fans jammed the hall.

Geneva, Switzerland—Piero Baldini won his first pro contest abroad, whipping the Franco-Armenian, Jean Zandourian, in a cruiser six. Hilario Martineira of Portugal was beaten by the Sardinian welter, Michele Polo, over eight rounds and Armand Coullebault, powerhouse puncher from France, thumped out a points win over game Mario Faverzani, Italian middle.

Rome—Claudio Buniva won decisively over veteran Carlo Mola, who retired without much cause in the third round of this middles engagement. Mario Rosellini halted Walter Sarti in the first frame of a lightweight scrap and Renato Beccaria checked Silvio Roteglia in the fifth of another lightie duel.

At Gallarate, Angelo Idi knocked out the German middle, Werner Teuscher, in the fourth. Luigi Valentini headlined at Bologna, being ruled out in the ninth for hitting Antonio Lopez of Spain below the belt.

Aristide Dal Piaz thrashed Yves Boglione, French middle, over eight and Giovanni Bidini outfought Duilio Bianchini in a welter eight.

Paris—At the Central, Serge Leveque continued his run of knockout wins by ironing out Ray Girbet in the second chapter of their middles discussion.

At Evreux, Robert Guivarch was awarded the decision against the blond Parisian welter, Jacques Dugenie, a decision which was badly greeted by press and public. Bruno Marostegan, another visitor, had better fortune in that he forced his opponent, Georges Macaire, to retire in the eighth of another welter battle.

Milan, Italy—Franco Civicchi, now accepted as a necessary ingredient to Milanese promotions, was less electrifying against Ansell Adams, the West Indian currently making things interesting for European heavies. The West Indian man was a difficult opponent for the Emilian Bull and his points victory had to be worked for. Brian Adams, British mulatto, engaged in a dour struggle with Lorenzo Rocci, who bounced the visitor several times to the canvas and the bout was finally stopped in the eighth in the local cruiser's favor.

Gino Campagna did not deserve the verdict against the stubborn French middle, Georges Norel, after eight rounds. Nello Barbadoro outslugged Jean Dubois, French feather, and Ciancarlo Garbelli made an excellent impression against Al Brown, lightie from British Guiana. Garbelli won this event on points.

Marseilles, France—Emile Chemama, once known as the Star of the South, made an impressive comeback here, defeating Jacques Colomb, young bantam hope. Chemama displayed all his old verve and gusto and by the sixth round, Colomb's handlers saw fit to throw in the towel. Giuseppe Marotto, Italian lightie, outfought Jo Perez over eight rounds and Louis Trochon knocked out the negro, Massayere Wade, in a middles slugfest.

St. Nazaire, France—Say what you like, but Charles Colin doesn't get pushovers served up in his campaign aimed at the European cruiser crown. The blond French belter faced Jose Gonzales, Spain's heavyweight king, a battler of good repute, and Colin succeeded in demolishing the bigger man with a left to the chin in round five.

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NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

MARYLEBONE :—Peter Waterman, Clapham's up and coming welterweight, 146½, had to fight hard all the way to take a points win from Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 144, over eight exciting rounds.

Tommy O'Niell, Salford, 146½, stopped Pat Guttridge, Bow, 138½, in the third when the referee intervened to save Guttridge further punishment. Johnny Read, Norwood, 162, knocked out Larry Parkes, Stoke, 159¾, in the second. Dennis Read, Norwood, 148¾, outpointed Ken Bebbington, 149, over six. Len Wilson, Dagenham, 133½, stopped Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 141½, in the fifth. Vic Glenn, Stepney, 109, outpointed Bobby Johnson, 111½, over six.

LEITH, SCOTLAND :—Pedro Paris, bantamweight chaimpion of Spain, 119, made a winning debut in these Isles by outpointing Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, 120, over eight rounds. Don McTaggart, Paisley, 136, Scottish lightweight champ, outscored Tommy McMenemy, Belfast, 137, over eight. Danny Harvey, Glasgow, 147, knocked out Jackie Colpitts, Chopwell, 139¾, in the fourth. Johnny McLaren, Coatbridge, 137½, knocked out Johnny Spittle, London, 138, in the fifth. Matt Fulton, Glasgow, 124, stopped Peter Masters, Belfast, 127, in the third.

WALSALL :—Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 139½, stopped Del Willis, Manchester, 137½, in the fourth. Vince Kennedy, Manchester, 178, took a six rounds points win from Ken Burt, Doncaster, 179½, in good style. George Harrison, Shirebrook, 143½, won over Jack Lewis, Manchester, 147, the latter being disqualified in the fourth for 'not giving of his best'. Ken Barley, Birmingham, 147½, outpointed Tommy Bleak, Coventry, 143½, over four rounds. Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 159, won over Tommy Hilton, 163, in a gruelling six rounder. Danny Chapman, Plymouth, knocked out Terry Evans, Four Crosses, in the second.

BLACKPOOL :—Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 134, lightweight champion of Wales, and Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 128¾, put up a non stop eight rounder before Lloyd took a narrow points decision. Gerry McStravick, Ireland, 144, outpointed Harry Warner, Dagenham, 149, over six. Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 144, outpointed Andy Lambert, Manchester, 140, over six. Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 120, outpointed Cliff Bardsley, Oldham, 119, over four. Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 137, knocked out Gordon Mitchell, Halifax, 139, in the second.

BLACKPOOL : — Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria, 124, outpointed Harry Ramsden, Whitwell, 126¼, over eight rounds. Ola Enoch, Nigeria, 118, outpointed Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 120, over eight rounds. Stan Underhill, Birmingham, 134½, and Jackie Dyer, Bolton, 137, drew over six rounds. George Pashby, Chester, 132, stopped Billy Donnelly, Blackburn, 129, in the first. Tommy Barnabus, Holywell, 146, outscored Tex Williams, Carlisle, 142, over six.

BELFAST :—George Lavery, Belfast, 158½, was a comfortable points winner after ten rounds with Jackie Mitchell, Belfast, 158. Paddy Graham, Belfast, 135½, stopped Tommy Cavan, Glasgow, 141, over five rounds. Terry McHale, Liverpool, 123½, stopped Billy Birch, Belfast, 123¼, in the third. Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 133½, outpointed John Leebody, Belfast, 133½, over six. Eddie Bamber, Belfast, stopped Tommy Rooney, Belfast, 127, in the second.

LIVERPOOL :—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 159½, knocked out George Roe, Wolverhampton, 162, in the fourth. Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136½, outpointed Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 138½, over six rounds. Percy James, Southport, 129, knocked out Douglas Fairbanks, Hanley, 129, in the second. Stan Turner, North Shields, 149, outpointed Jim Hawkins, Southport, 149, over four.

WALSALL :—Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 192, knocked out George Stern, Scottish heavyweight champion, 207, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 206, knocked out Johnny McLeavey, London, 184½, in the second. Eddie Phillips, Birmingham, 149½, outpointed Jack Armstrong, Nigeria, 149, over eight. Johhny Heywood, Nottingham, 122, outpointed Ken Jones, Stourbridge, 119½, over six. George Harrison, Shirebrook, 142½, stopped Danny Crane, Burnley, 148, in the third. Ken Barley, Birmingham, 144, outpointed Ray Roberts, Macclesfield, 143, over four rounds.

Jack Gardner, former British Empire and European heavyweight champion, now on a comeback. He recently halted Frank Bell in eight rounds.

EPSOM :—Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 117½, knocked out Cliff Giles, Linton, 121, in the fifth. Ken Millsom, Doncaster, 174½, appeared lucky to receive the nod over Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 175¼, after six interesting rounds. Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 129¾, won from Dennis Hallett, Islington, 129¾, when the latter was disqualified for 'continual use of the head'. Del Breen, Croydon, 145½, stopped Bobby Callaghan, Borough, 146½, in the first. Jackie Leonard, Islington, 129¾, outpointed Sammy Williams, British Guiana, 130½, over six. Sid Gatland, Croydon, 181¾, outpointed Ted Farmer, Portsmouth, 187½, over six.

GREAT YARMOUTH :—Roy Baird, Birmingham, 143¾, outpointed Paul King, Torquay, 148, over eight rounds. Sammy Mercier, Trinidad, 217, knocked out Dennis Fewkes, 184½, in the third. Dave Robins, Camberwell, 118¾, knocked out Bertie Giles, Linton, 120½, in the third. Frank O'Brien, Galway Bay, 136½, outpointed Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 138, over six. Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 172, outpointed Alex Smith, Stepney, 173, over six. Colin Belcher, Great Yarmouth, 157¾, won from Dave Thatcher, Brighton, 154, over six.

BIRMINGHAM :—Alex Buxton, British light heavyweight champion, 161¼, brought off an impressive win when he knocked out Albert Finch, Croydon, 173¾, in the eighth of a scheduled fifteen rounder, and thus retained his title. Buxton showed a more ruthless quality than he has hitherto been associated with, and applied the closure in convincing fashion.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 157, outpointed Gino Rossi, Italy, 163½, over eight rounds. Bobby Dawson, USA, 159, stopped Abe Quartey, Gold Coast, 159¾, in the third. Frankie Parkes, Nottingham, 131¾, stopped Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 134½, in the seventh when the latter had suffered a badly gashed eyebrow. Ken Barley, Birmingham, 146, and George Harrison, Shirebrook, 142½, drew over four rounds.

LEICESTER :—Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, 218¼, punched his way to a decisive victory over Frank Bell, Barnoldwick, 199, the referee calling a halt in the eighth of a scheduled ten rounder. Bob Gardner, Market Harborough, 205, stopped Johnny Apce, London, 188, in the fifth. Tony Lord, Liverpool, 168¾, was stopped in the fifth by Ken Rowlands, Luton, 171¾, after an exciting bout. Johnny Griffin, Leicester, 145½, outpointed Del Breen, London, 149¼, over six rounds. Teddy Barrow, Wales, 148, outpointed Bob Simmons, Leicester, 148¾, over six rounds. Johnny King, Birmingham, 142, stopped Peter Chapman, Leicester, 134, in the first round.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM :—Eddie (Polly) Smith, Bermuda, 182, outpointed Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 190, over eight rounds. Smith fought well and was a deserving winner, thus avenging a previous defeat by Bygraves. Pat McCoy, Galway, 127¼, outscored Mickey Roche, Dublin, 122, over six rounds. Harry Warner, London, 154, retired with a damaged elbow in his contest with Len Lowther, Sheffield, 154, leaving the latter as winner in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder. Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 142, outpointed Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 148, over six rounds. Eddie Williams, Huddersfield, 168, was disqualified for alleged butting in the second round of his bout with Clark Mellow, Stockport, 174, in the third. Jack Skelly, Belfast, 138, outpointed George Pashby, Chester, 136, in the closing four rounder.

SPALDING :—Ken Ashwood, Derby, 149¼, outpointed Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 146, over eight rounds. Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 165, outpointed Harry Harvey, Leicester, 163½, over eight. George Clay, Leicester, 127, knocked out Gerald Futter, Lincoln, 129, in the fourth. Jack Sims, Warsop, 148, stopped Martin Colerhan, Ireland, 142, in the fourth. Eddie Teal, Army, 157, stopped Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 158, in the first.

BELFAST :—Johnny Lyttle, Belfast, 199, won a dull eight rounder over Dennis Lockton, Manchester, 187¼, which bored the spectators more than somewhat. Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 135, stopped Andy Monaghan, Southport, 136, in the second. Ron Perry, Stalybridge, 120¼, won over Billy Skelly, Belfast, 199½, the latter retiring in the third with a damaged eyebrow. Al Crawford, Belfast, 150¼, knocked out Jim Moore, Lisburn, 148, in the fifth. Harry Stanford, Belfast, 143½, outpointed Bob Martin, Belfast, 146, over six.

BLACKPOOL : — Ken Regan, Blackpool, 142, outpointed Eric Billington, Golbourne, 148, after eight very exciting rounds. Jimmy Matthews, Belfast, 109, outpointed Peter Hollberg, Grimsby, 110, over six rounds. Mickey O'Keefe, St. Helens, 125, outpointed Alf Cottam, Preston, 128, over six rounds. Terry McHale, Liverpool, 124, stopped Denny Cahill, Belfast, 126, in the first. Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 136½, outpointed George Spence, York, 125, over six.

LEYTON BATHS. — Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 163¾, stopped Michael Stack, Leamington, in the fifth round. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148½, outpointed Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147, over eight. Billy Dean, Greenwich, 177¾, outpointed Fred Jackson, Custom House, 180, over eight rounds. Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 137¾, deserved his points victory over Jimmy McLachlan, Hackney, 139¾, over six rounds. Terry Bellamy, West Ham, 145, knocked out Bobby Callaghan, Walworth, 148¾, in the fourth. Harry Griver, Hackney, 119¾, outpointed Fred Angel, 119¼, over six rounds.

NEWCASTLE : — Frankie Johnson, Ex-British lightweight champion, outpointed Alby Tissong, South Africa, 132¾, over eight rounds. Jackie Keough, Chester-le-Street, 147, outpointed, Roy McGregor, Glasgow, 141½, over eight. Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 169¼, knocked out Peter Cain, Dundee, 162¾, in the third. Jock McCauley, Heddon, 151¼, stopped Arnold Beaumont, Leeds, 155½, in the first. Terry Russell, Leeds, 130¼, outpoinfed Ken Scott, Gateshead, 129¾, over six.

BELLEVUE, MANCHESTER : — Johnny Sullivan, British middleweight king, 160, outpointed Jan Hagenaar, Holland, 161½, in a ten rounder that was marked by it's dullness. Sullivan did all the attacking against a constantly retreating opponent and won every round to take a clear decision.

Eric Marsden, St. Helens, 113½, made a great recovery from a long count in the seventh round to score a sensational knock-out win over Emil Delplanque, flyweight champion of Belgium, 113, in the ninth of a scheduled ten rounder.

Johnny Butterworth, St. Helens, 135½, outpointed Don McTaggart, Paisley, 133½, over eight rounds. Ola Enoch, Nigeria, 114½, stopped Jimmy Quinn, Kirkintilloch, 114¾, in the second. Percy Lewis, Oxford, 134, outpointed Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 128, over eight rounds. Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, 146½, outpointed Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 145¾, over eight rounds.

BELFAST:—Wally Thom, British welterweight champion, 148¼, outpointed Mickey O'Niell, Belfast, 149, over ten rounds. George O'Niell, Belfast, 119¾, outpointed Alex Bollaert, Belgium, 115¾, over ten. Johnny McNally, Belfast, 126, outscored Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 126¼, over eight. Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 196, notched a win over Joe Crickmar, Stepney, 180¼, over eight bruising rounds. Billy Smith, Bangor, 122, knocked out Michael Feeney, Banbridge, 126¼, in the fifth. Danny Harvey, Glasgow, 147½, outpointed Joe McEntee, Belfast, 147½, over eight rounds.

BLACKPOOL:—Syd Greb, Liverpool, 135½, outpointed Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 136, over eight. Dave Charnley, Dartford, 130, knocked out Percy James, Southport, 129, in the second round. Jack Skelly, Belfast, 138, knocked out Jimmy Cotterall, Mold, 139½, in the fourth. Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 150, knocked out Stan Turner, North Shields, 150, in the second. Ken Barnard, Carlisle, 140, outpointed George Pashby, Chester, 136, over four rounds.

LONDONDERRY:—Joe Royston, London, 121, stopped Billy Birch, Belfast, 118, in the third. Mick Diamond, Bellaghy, 182, stopped Tommy Norton, Belfast, 174, in the second, the latter receiving a badly gashed eyebrow. Pat Milligan, Derry, 144, outpointed Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 152, over eight. Len Donnelly, Derry, 133, outpointed Joe Leeboby, Belfast, 135, over six rounds. Jim Loughrey, Derry, 112, stopped Charlie O'Niell, Belfast, 113½, in the fifth of a scheduled six rounder.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM:—Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 161, kept his unbeaten record intact when he narrowly outpointed Gino Menozzi, Italy, 160, over ten rounds. Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 137, stopped Ron Greb, Liverpool, 138½, in the second when Greb received a badly damaged eyebrow. Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 137, Welsh lightweight champion, had to fight hard all the way to outpoint Bill Connor, St. Helens, 135, over eight rounds. Bobby Gill, Jamaica, 139, outpointed Andy Lambert, Manchester, 150, over six. Tommy Waterworth, Golbourne, 135, stopped Gordon Mitchell, Halifax, 138, in the second.

BRISTOL: — Peter King, Manchester, 147½, stopped Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 147½, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder when Ratcliffe retired with a damaged knee. Alby Tissong, South Africa, 129¼, outpointed Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 127, over eight rounds. Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 150, knocked out Dan Daniels, Devonport, 138½, in the first round. Roy Coles, Weston-Super-Mare, 133¼, knocked out Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 133¼, in the second. Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 137¼ outpointed Mike Hughes, Netheravon, 136, over six. Len Grainger, Bristol, 130, and Vince Cottrell, Bristol, 136¼, drew over six rounds.

CAMBRIDGE:—Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 119, stopped Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 118¼, in the second round. Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 159, stopped Mickey Shade, Croydon, 156, in the sixth. Ron Neale, Bow, 127¼, stopped Joe Odus, Nigeria, 127¼, in the fourth. Albert Stokes, Battersea, 125, outpointed Bertie Giles, Linton, 125, over six. George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 158¼, drew with Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 162, over six. Duggie Moore, Finedon, 144, outpointed Stan Perkins, Manor Park, 144¼, over six.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL:—Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 146½, and Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, 143½, drew over eight rounds. Dennis Read, Norwood, 147¼, outpointed Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147¼, over six rounds. Billy Kerinan, Shepherds Bush, 128¼, knocked out Peter Hill, Leyton, 137½, in the third. Del Breen, Croydon, 149, stopped Don Sleet, Leyton, 148, in the second. Ron McLaren, Hayes, 138¾, outpointed Henry Cuffee, British Guiana, 135, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM:—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 161, knocked out Tom Meli, Belfast, 162, in the seventh of a scheduled ten rounder.

Pat McCoy, Galway, 130½, stopped Charlie Simpkins, Bridlington, 132, in the eighth and last session when Simpkins had taken six long counts and was in a bad way. Neville Rowe, Preston, 172, outpointed Vince Kennedy, Manchester, 176, over six rounds. Len Mack, Wigan, 119, made a winning professional debut by outpointing Ken Jones, Birmingham, 123, over four rounds. Tony Waterworth, Golborne, 136, and Jack Skelly, Belfast, 138, drew over four.

BELFAST:—Joe Quinn, Belfast, 127, stopped Eddie McCormick, Deal, 126½, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder, the latter retiring with a damaged eyebrow. Johnny Moore, Highbury, 127½, stopped Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 131½, in the third. Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 110¾, stopped Billy Gibson, 114½, in the sixth, a cut over the eye again causing an early termination. Benny Vaun, Belfast, 120, knocked out Paddy Quail, Belfast, 124, in the third. Eddie Bamber, Belfast, 132, outscored Bobbie O'Niell, Belfast, 131, over six.

BLACKPOOL: — David Gogotya, South Africa, 123, stopped George Lamont, Glasgow, 127½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder, when Lamont received a bad gash over his left eye.

George Clay, Nottingham, 129½, knocked out Alf Cottam, Preston, 128, in the first. Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 132, and George Dashby, Oswestry, 135, drew over six. Brian Clarkson, Liverpool, 136, outpointed Andy Lambert, Manchester, 139, over six. Andy Monahan, Southport, 136, stopped Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 138, in the second.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL: — Terence Murphy, Hoxton, 159½, stopped Brian Coxhead, Preston, 161, in the fifth. Les Morgan, Acton, 147, outpointed Jack Armstrong, West Africa, 144, over six. Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 137½, outpointed Billy Kerinan, Shepherds Bush, 140¼, over six. Teddy Searle, Hackney, 144½, outpointed Duggie Moore, Fineden, 143½, over six. Syd Gatland, Croydon, 183, took a six rounds points decision from Johnny Hall, Dunstable, 183, over six. Hugh O'Donnell, Herne Bay, 140, stopped Len Innes, Notting Hill, 136½, in the second.

GREAT YARMOUTH:—Jack Thornbury, Covent Garden, 149, and Johnny Fish, Harlow, 147¾, drew over eight exciting rounds. Denny Ball, Bedford, 206, outpointed Colin Strauch, South Africa, 186, over six. Len Jarvis, Norwich, 158¾, stopped Terry Wakeling, Covent Garden, 159, in the fourth. Ken Bebbington, West Ham, 148, outpointed Eric Skidmore, Wednesbury, 154½, over six. Terry Bellamy, West Ham, 145, knocked out Vic Smith, Croydon, 145, in the fourth. Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 140, outpointed Johnny Pipe, Beccles, 145, over six rounds.

SHEFFIELD:—Peter Bates, Sheffield, 195, outpointed Eddie Hearn, London, 205½, over eight rounds. Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 168, outpointed Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 170½, over eight rounds. Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 212, outpointed Simon Templar, 224, over six rounds. Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 142, stopped Ken Tyson, Sheffield, 138½, in the eighth. Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 138½, outpointed George Spence, Goole, 142, over six.

EPSOM:—Johnny Read, Norwood, 161, stopped Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 163, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder after Beckett had taken severe punishment and the referee intervened to save him an unnecessary beating. Ron Kensington, Tooting, 148¼, outpointed Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 145½, over six. Tommy Ryan, 135, stopped Len Wilson, Dagenham, 133¼, in the first round. Al Wilson, Nigeria, 164, took a beating and a points defeat at the hands of George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 161, over six. Tony Warrington, Haywards Heath, 147½, knocked out Stan Perkins, Manor Park, 147, in the second. Sammy Williams, British Honduras, 132, outpointed Frank Hewitt, Fulham, 130½, over six.

WALWORTH:—Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 128, outpointed Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 127½, over eight. Freddie Reardon, Downham, 129½, stopped Mickey Roche, Dublin, 124½, in the third, the latter receiving a badly gashed eyebrow. Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 191, stopped Eddie Keith, Manchester, 188½, in the first round, while twin brother Jim Cooper, 192½, stopped Johnny Apee, Welling, 194, in the first. Dave Charnley, Dartford, 129½, outpointed Roy Paine, Notting Hill, 128½, over six. Del Breen, Croydon, 151, outpointed Freddie Foreman, Walworth, 151¾, in an exciting six rouder. Dave Robbins, Camberwell, 116½, outpointed George Connors, Islington, 115½, over six.

CARTER VICTORY WELL TIMED—

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to choose between them.

Contrary to the general impression that Carter would have a cinch this time against the man who relieved him of the championship, Jimmy was pressed hard for eight sessions when the body punching he delivered to Paddy in close infighting, began to take its toll. Yet he had to go all out for several more rounds in order to make certain of victory, something he didn't attempt to do in their first encounter.

DeMarco was reeling and helpless when the gong for the final round sounded and only fourteen more seconds had elapsed when Referee Flores called a halt. That put an end to a brawling battle in which determination on the part of both contestants and raw, fighting courage on the part of the loser, played a prominent role.

Carter had quite a fight on his hands for more than half of that mill. There was sufficient action to satisfy the 11,000 spectators who cheered the efforts of both. DeMarco set a hot pace from the start, but by doing so, he played into the hands of his cagey opponent.

Referee Flores and Judges Jack Silver and Frank Brown each had Carter well in the lead before the bout was stopped. Flores tally was 82½ to 70½ points; Silver's 85½ to 68½ and Brown's, 82 to 74, but at the half way mark, it was anyone's bout.

DeMarco started out like a real champ. On the card of one judge he received the first four rounds and on that of the referee, he had a margin of two of the first three.

It was in the infighting that Carter administered the greatest damage. Throughout the fight Willie Ketchum, his manager of record, kept advising Jimmy to land below the head, and he followed those instructions closely.

Carter took complete charge after the first knockdown had been scored. In that round, Carter connected with a left uppercut as DeMarco came rushing forward and the blow struck with force on Paddy's jaw and he went down to the canvas where he remained for a count of five. With that knockdown, the challenger went all out for a knockout and at times the heavy punches he landed were hard enough to put away the average lightweight but not Paddy.

DeMarco showed an abundance of courage as he took all his opponent delivered and still kept on fighting until the bitter end when exhaustion plus Carter's flaying attack ended the encounter.

The fourteenth round was Carter's best. He battered Paddy's body without a let-up. They traded punches at close range most of that session when suddenly Carter found the opening for a series of long, hard lefts and rights. One right caught Paddy's jaw and put him against the ropes and then followed a beauty of a left hook that dropped him as the bell ended the round thus preventing a count. His handlers had to drag him to his corner to revive him and put him in shape for the final round.

In the fifteenth he staggered out of his corner and it was evident he couldn't continue through the frame. Carter, taking full cognizance of his advantage, rushed in for the kill. He battered Paddy about body and head, got him to the ropes, where DeMarco, helpless, was halted. The referee thought he had taken enough punishment.

Wrestling . . . A bigger and more complete section in the March issue of The Ring

IN SUNNY California

By BILL MILLER

First, the facts, ma'am; just the facts: Johnny Saxton, 148, making his first ring appearance since he snatched the crown from Kid Gavilan, won the unanimous duke over Ramon Fuentes, 149½, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. A noisy and hostile crowd of 8,844 paid the impressive sum of $36,358 to see the non-televised, overweight scrap.

Seldom, in my experience, which goes back quite a spell, have two boys entered the ring under such adverse and unfavorable conditions.

First: the gents of the press had "conditioned" the fans by stressing the horrendous aspects of the Gavilan-Saxton fight (and I'm not going to defend that one). There was a cartoon picturing Saxton as an octupus. The "bad" fights on his record were exhumed, stressed, and exaggerated. There was some truth, a lot of untruth and derogation.

But every knock became a boost. Fans were made curious by the slanted, biased stories which appeared in some of the papers. And so they bought tickets, plenty of them—and $10 top, too.

(One guy talked about the "two times Saxton was tossed out of the ring". A glance at Nat Fleischer's record book would disprove that flat untruth. There are no "NC's" on Saxton's record.)

Second: the semi-final, between Sonny Amoroso and Jerry Fowler, was, to quote Sid Ziff, sports ed. of The Mirror "a super-classic. . . . with Amoroso winning with a spectacular knockout punch in the fifth". It was "a war all the way, and fans showered the ring with coins", said Johnny Allen of The News. Morton Moss of the Examiner said it was "terrific". And that it was, friends; that it was. Amoroso was decked twice in the first, came back strong in the second, and from then on fans were on their feet more often than on their seats until the 5th, when Amoroso dropped Fowler three times, the last one for the full count.

Now, after a brawl like that, even the Dempsey-Firpo fight would have seemed dull. Any boxing-manager knows what I mean.

The fans were emotionally exhausted by that thrilling semi-final. After that one, nothing would look good. Saxton is not a thrill-fighter, and neither is Fuentes. Both were in there, facing a most important test; Saxton, to justify his acquisition of the crown, and Fuentes, to prove his worthiness as a title contender. Remember, he was No. 3 in the rankings.

That was the situation, then, when this fight began. Well, I've seen lots of worse fights—and a lot less said about them.

You know the result of the semi-final: Amoroso by kayo in the 5th. The four-rounders: Willie Lucero, 129, decisioned Tony Reyes, 131½; Sonny Gill, 154, decisioned Satchel Porter, 155; Jerry Carter, 135½, decisioned Jose Quezada, 135; and Joey Benson, 119, KO (4) over Pete Yray, 119.

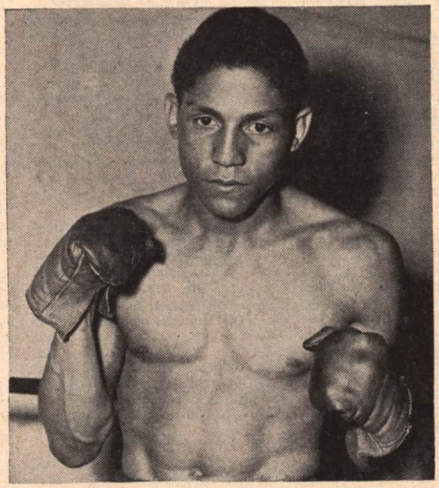
Hollywood Legion Stadium was again forced to make a last-minute substitution: Petey Servin was slated to meet Chebo Hernandez of Juarez, but Chebo was held up at the border by immigration officials.

Woody Winslow, originally from New York, now fighting out of San Francisco, was a last-minute substitute, and he didn't fare too well. Servin, 161½, dropped Winslow twice in the 7th, and a left-hook in the body put Woody down for the full count in the 8th.

Winslow, 162½, had scored wins in semi-finals at Hollywood over Bobby Ross and Harvey Taylor. In former years, he hasn't fared too well locally. He was knocked out at South Gate by Vinnie De Carlo and whipped by Oscar Reyes in the same ring.

However, he saved the day for Hollywood by pinch-hitting on such short notice—the show must go on, in boxing as in the theater. The result was not completely unexpected; Servin, victor over Dick Finley and Eddie Sims in his last two bouts, was heavily favored in the betting.

Petey yearns to meet Sal Perea for the state middleweight title which the latter acquired by stopping Willie Vaughn, October 29th.



Don Jordon won his 17th bout in 19 starts when he successfully defended his California lightweight title by knocking out Manny Renteria in the 7th round of a scheduled 12.

Joe Cardenas, 150, won a split 6-round verdict over Al Perez, 146½, in the semi-final, described as "tame" by one of the critics. (Whaddye want—bl-o-o-o-d?) The boys tried hard, anyway.

The four-rounders: Eddie McGowan, 158½, decisioned George Holmes, 165; Herschel Acton, 151, TKO (3) over Walter Thomas, 144½; and Hall Favort, 185, KO (2) over Duke Johnson, 187.

A very Merry Xmas and a happy, happy New Years to all. Drive carefully: remember, with 160 horses under the hood and a jackass behind the wheel, there are plenty of road hazards.

Ramon Carrillo, 130, of Oakland, has a strong chin, and his adherents claimed that even Art Ramponi, puncher de luxe, could not put him down. They were right—though Ramponi won a technical knockout in the eighth round at Richmond Auditorium, Carrillo kept to his feet, and only lost prematurely on account of a cut right eye. Ramponi weighed 134.

Ramponi started leveling early with his best shots, and won every round. He staggered Ramon in the second, third and seventh sessions with crushing rights to the jaw.

Dr. Martin Mills was called in midway in the eighth and after examining Carillo's eye, recommended that the referee halt proceedings. The scrap had been scheduled for 10.

The gross gate was $3,186.

In the semi-windup, Dave Wagoner, 147, Oakland, drew with Frankie Quarles, 153, Stockton, in six rounds. In the fours, Chico Arroyo, 132, drew with Abel Perez, 127; Willie Stanley, 155, drew with Marlin Monroe, 162; Dave Johnson, 145, dec. Floyd Sampson, 143½.

Wes Echols, Bay City middleweight, got revenge against Bobby Ross when he outpointed the Los Angeles battler in the ten round main event at Winterland Arena in San Francisco. Three months before, Ross, a shortender, surprised Wes by walloping him to gain the referee's verdict. The weights: Echols, 157; Ross, 159.

Referee Fred Apostoli scored it 58½ to 51½ for Echols.

Alex Amador, 150, of San Francisco, returned from a two year layoff and took the decision in a 6 round slugfest with Lou Castillo, 148, Oakland. In naother scheduled six, Jamie Carabello, 126, won in the fifth on a TKO over Davey Gonzales, 128.

Four rounders: Don Chester, 139, TKO'd Frankie Elias, 137, in 3; Alvin Moore, 144, dec. Eugene Ingram, 139.

Ernie Greer, Oakland, 150, turned in something of an upset at Ocean Park Arena when his hand was raised in token of victory over Freddie Herman, 144. Referee Dynamite Jackson scored it 56-54 for the East Bay battler. The verdict didn't meet with unanimous approval.

Gross gate was $2,310; the net was $2,034, and paid attendance was 1,637.

Fernando La Doll, 146, stopped Jimmy Dupree, 146, in the 4th round of a scheduled six. Four-rounders: Joe Barnes, 161, decisioned Kid Babalu, 167; Joe Cardenaz, 151, and Herschel Acton, 149, drew; Jesse Jones, 141, decisioned Boise Phillips, 144.

Youthful Don Jordan, 135, retained his California lightweight crown in most convincing fashion at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., when he knocked out Manny Renteria, 134, in the 7th round of a scheduled 12.

It was Jordan's 17th win in 19 starts; his first defense of the title since winning it by whipping Art Ramponi last month. It was also the finest exhibition of boxing that the youngster has turned in; old-timers thought he looked like another Joe Gans. There can be no higher praise.

Odds favored Jordan at 10-7, with plenty of short-end speculators. Renteria's impressive kayo record—8 knockouts in 17 starts—entitled him to consideration.

Manny was game, but outclassed. Jordan just wasn't his dish of tea. Don was "right"; righter than he's ever been, and his prestige was boosted sky-high as a result of the Renteria win.

Referee Abe Roth gave Jordan every round. So did most of the newspaper laddies at the ringside. The end came with explosive suddenness. After boxing masterfully for six rounds, Don came out for the 7th, lashed out with a swift left to the jaw. The blow drove Renteria against the ropes. Another left hook followed, then a hard right and two more lefts. Renteria was in a state of semi-oblivion; he could neither cover up nor clinch, and Referee Roth mercifully stopped the scrap. The time: 1:20, 7th heat.

Tombstone Smith, 155, spoiled the hitherto perfect record of former National A. A. U. champ Johnny Houston, 156, in the six-round semi-final; the decision was unanimous. Houston had gone unscathed in seven scraps, won six by kayo, one by decision, until Tombstone entered his life.

The fours: Joe Quesada, 137, decisioned Canuto Reyes, 143; Alex Diaz, 145, duked Duke Emery, 140; Fred Milton, 173, KO (2) over Willard Henry, 169; and Billy Smith, 126, KO (1) over Tommy Goopia, 124.

To the utter amazement of absolutely nobody, Young Jack Johnson, 203, scored a 4-round TKO over Frank Buford, Oakland, 211, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Johnson must be slipping. Ten months ago, at South Gate, Johnson flatted Buford in the third.

John Harding, 176, outweighed 35 pounds by Harlan Kelly, 211, scored a 3-round TKO over his bulky foe in what was scheduled as the six-round semi.

Joey Perez, 137, scored three knockdowns over Petey Colima, 136, in the first round; Petey was petered out, so it's a one-round TKO for Senor Perez. Other fours: Manny Otero, 146, TKO (3) over Augie Morelli, 145; Tommy Goopia, 123½, duked Johnny Hobbs, 127.

Jim Cody, 161, Oakland, had one of the most formidable asignments of his career when he collided with Ruben Hernandez, 158½, San Francisco butcher boy, but he managed to score a close decision in ten rounds. They met in the main event at Richmond Auditorium. The Oil City program, promoted by Johnny Munro, grossed $1,168.

This was Hernandez' second defeat of the entire year, and his third loss in 19 bouts.

Cody, not in the main event category as much as Hernandez, remained undefeated in 20 starts.

Referee Frankie Brown scored it 56½ to 55½ points in favor of Cody.

Pepi Martinez, 123, San Francisco was ahead of Dave Gonzales, 125, Oakland, when the sixth and final round opened in the semi-windup. Martinez really assured himself of victory by knocking Gonzales down for an eight count in the final session.

In another six, Lou Castillo, 141, outpointed Al Garibay, 140. Sam Johnson, 162, decisioned Willie Stanley in 4.

Morris, or Maurice Leviege or Levige, or Levege—an unknown Negro kid from Oakland, or possibly from Eureka, almost scored the greatest upset of 1954 at San Jose, against highly-regarded Cisco Andrade, the Compton Comet. Cisco won the duke—but oy, veh!

That's just how unknown Leviege, or Levege, or Levige is: his name is spelled differently by the A. P., the U. P., and the San Jose papers. In the 1954 record book, he received meager recognition; had three fights, lost two, one by KO, and drew in the third—all in prelim scraps. (Nobody's even sure of his home town!)

Well, the lightly held Leviege took the fight on 24 hours notice when Jorge Macias, original opponent, was withdrawn due to the serious illness of his mother in Mexico.

In Round 3, after being on the receiving end for two heats, Leviege suddenly uncorked a left hook, and down went Cisco on the back of his lap. The crowd of 2,225 fans, which paid a gross of $4,894.50, went wild. But Cisco got up, managed to stay out of trouble the rest of the way. He was hurt again in the 7th, but remained upright.

Andrake, 136, was given the decision over Leviege, 139, by Referee Jack Silver, 57½-52½.

It was the second time in recent months that Adrade was floored by comparative unknowns: recently Boland Abrams, of Pittsburgh, had him on the deck. And just the week before, John Hall of The Mirror had a feature yarn about Cisco "scouting" the Paddy De Marco-Jimmy Carter scrap.

If guys like Leviege and Abrams can floor Cisco, it would seem wisdom on his part to steer clear of Carter—no?

In the six-round semi, Gordon Lee, 137½, knocked out Hank Lujon, 133½, in the 5th. The fours: Joe DeCristoforo, 137, TKO (2) over Billy O'Neill, 140; Frank Quarrels, 150, KO (1) over Neil Hill, 153½; and Abe Nance, 147, scored a 2-round TKO over Bobby Martinez, 148½.

A smashing upset, a REAL smasheroo, was turned in by Esau Ferdinand, light-heavyweight champion of California, at the Olympic Auditorium, when he scored a split-decision win over thitherto untied, undefeated Don Grant.

A crowd of some 2,000 paid $3,000 gross to see the fracas. There would have been a much larger turnout had the fans known this fight would not be televised. A sudden strike at KHJ (9) caused the blackout at the last minute.

Referee Reg Gillmore voted for Grant, 67-64 (and had lots of company in this scoring); Judge Lee Grossman tabbed it 66-65, and Judge Mushy Callahan, 68-63 both for Ferdinand. One point was deducted from Grant's total for a low blow in the 3rd heat. A rematch is certainly in order.

Jerry (Dutch) Fowler, 145¾, started slowly, but gathered steam as the bout progressed and scored a 5th round TKO over Richard Jones, 145, in the semi-final, scheduled for six.

The fours: Fernando La Doll, 145, decisioned Jimmy Dupree, 145; Joey Perez, 141, duked Kenny Bell, 139; and Alex Diaz, 145, drew with Ted Williams, 142 in the opener.

Rudy Jordan, 139, out of action for the past 10 months, showed that the rest had done him lots of good by scoring a 7-round TKO over Lou Filippo, 137, in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium. A badly gashed lower lip was responsible for Filippo's downfall; he was unable to answer the bell for the 8th.

In the six-round semi, Tony Mesa, 124, fought a draw with Luke Sandoval, 122. The fours: Hank Aceves, 130, TKO (4) over Tony Savo, 129½; Chubby Dues, 188, decisioned Paul Faurot, 186; and Wayne Graham, 146½, decisioned Walter Thomas, 142½.

Not completely unexpected was Ramon Tiscareno's 6th round TKO win over Frankie Ray at Ocean Park before a good-sized turnout for the little club, and a net gate of approximately $2,100. Tiscareno, 146½; Ray, 146.

The turnout was surprising in view of the fact that both boys had been stopped in their last fights: Tiscareno by Gerald Dreyer, in New York, and Ray by the veteran Carlos Chavez at the Olympic.

Joey Trujillo, 123, scored a one-round TKO over Benny Coca, 121½, in the scheduled six-round semi. Benny's left eye was cut. The fours: Tiger McHenry, 177, decisioned Franklin Haynes, 181; Bobby Ramajo, 134, TKO (3) over Nato Nogales, 132½ and Chubby Dues, 189, decisioned Willie McCoy, 199½.

Jimmy Carter became the first lightweight champion in history to regain his title twice, when he whipped Paddy De Marco at the Cow Palace, San Francisco. It was a TKO in the 15th round—14 seconds after the heat began, and to me it seemed that Referee Ray Flores was perfectly justified. A "Ring Special" of the fight appeared in the last issue with a follow up in this one by the Ring Editor.

Carter, in a tigerish mood, had De Marco on the deck twice; once in the 9th, for a count of four, again in the 14th when the bell saved De Marco from certain oblivion.

It was a terrific fight to watch, on TV.

It was announced that the gross gate was $48,676, plus an additional $50,000 for TV. Attendance—well, there seems to be a decided discrepancy here. The announced attendance, according to the U. P., was 12,896. But Cal Whorton, of the Los Angeles Times, who was at the ringside, estimated the crowd at 6,000.

Lou Castillo, 144, was supposed to trade punches for six rounds against his San Francisco neighbor, Danny Rodriguez, 141. But Lou was hardly able to get his hands up, Rodriguez winning by a knockout in the first.

San Franciscan Jimmy Savala, 138, had his best artillery working, and put the skids under fellow-townsman Jimmy Walker, 140, in round two.

One of the six-round battles went the distance when rugged Tommy Flores, 138½, of San Francisco, outpointed sturdy Gil Castillo, 136, Oakland.

Sonny Bunn, 147½, New York, decisioned Frank Skidmore, 149, S. F., in 4. Jaime Carabello, 121, S. F., TKO'd Paul Williams, Reno, in 4.

Ramon Carillo, Southern California lightweight, accepted a rough assignment when he invaded Richmond in the northern part of the state and took on NuNu Randle, top favorite in the Oil City. He proceeded to give Randle a heavy body battering, but failed to discourage his rugged foe. Randle kept tossing back just a little more than he took, and received the decision at the end of the scheduled eight rounds. Each boxer weighed 131.

Referee Frankie Carter had Randle ahead 47 to 41. Most of the newspaper observers added a couple of points to Carillo's total.

A crowd of 1768 turned in a gross of $2,053.

Zeke Robinson, 176, of Richmond, was the victor in the companion eight-rounder. He took every round from Willie Colbert, 193, of San Francisco.

Another bout, slated for six, went only half that distance when Johnny Wills, 133½, of Oakland, TKO'd Cleo Lane, 129½, in three. Lane is also an Oaklander.

Four-rounders: Dave Johnson, 146, stopped Kenny Williams, 144, in 3; Joe Louis, III, 183, drew with Calvin Cox, 186.

Nobody ended up on the floor, but neither of the ten-rounders programmed at Sacramento's Civic Auditorium went the distance. Joey Lopes, 135, of Sacramento, scored a TKO over Tommy Manaois, 134, of Los Angeles in the sixth. Favored Chief Archie Whitewater, 145, of Eureka, had the verdict rendered against him when he suffered a badly cut lower lip. Victor in the seventh session was Al Barbero, 145, from San Francisco.

Manaois took a heavy pummeling in the opening minutes of the first round, and was knocked down for an eight count. He arose to make a fight of it until he sustained a bad cut near his left eye in the fifth. When the bleeding failed to stop, Tommy's handlers tossed in the towel in the sixth.

The house grossed $3,263.20.

The fours: Abe Nance, 143½, TKO'd George Roberts, 140, in 1; Cal Chambers, 202, dec. Carlos Martinez, 190.

Jose Luis Cotero, 127½, Mexico City, scored his third straight win at Ocean Park Arena by trouncing Sonny Strauss, San Diego, 127½, before a near-capacity turnout of 2,000. Strauss took an early lead, but Jose Luis—that's Joe Louis, in English—took command from the third round on.

Referee Tommy Hart favored the Latin battler by a solid 59-51 margin.

Sonny Gill, 156, defeated Pete Gonzales, 159, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jerry Carter, 133, KO (1) over Manny Flores, 132; Bones Davis, 161, decisioned Kid Babalu, 166½; and Lorenzo Highter, 174, KO (1) over Leroy Smith, 171½.

Art (Rampaging) Ramponi, 135, racked up his 12th kayo in 21 starts at the Olympic Auditorium when he scored a 6th round TKO over courageous Juan Luis Campos, 135¼.

The tall, handsome kid from Oakland, who had scored knockouts over former world champ Lauro Salas and heavily-favored Andy Escobar within the past two months, was the solid pre-battle choice at 4-1. He won "going away".

Ramponi had the edge in height and reach, as well as a definite advantage in punching-power. I have no intention of detracting from Juan Luis; he's my barber, and a good one. And I have no desire to have him cut my throat next time I'm getting tonsorial treatment.

Referee Tommy Hart turned in a good job, which is nothing unusual. He always does.

After winning 15 in a row, Satchel Porter, 158, finally suffered a setback in the six-round semi-final, when he dropped the duke to Tiger Al Williams, 155. Satchel was in line for a main event if he duked Williams, a guy he had whipped previously. It was an off-night for Satch, and my heart bled for Manager Frank Crowley..

The fours: Willie Lucero, 131, TKO (4) over Hector Garcia, 137; Carlos Gordin, 125, and Filipino Tommy Goopia, 127, drew; and George Reyes, 141, won a "technical" decision over Joe Perez, 141, in the 3rd round, when he was accidentally butted.

Lorenzo Vasquez, San Francisco featherweight slugged for ten rounds with Paul Felix of Stockton in the finale at Richmond's Memorial Auditorium. For the first two sessions, these brash tactics did not pay dividends. Felix, no mean slugger himself, kept beating Vasquez to the punch.

But in the third Lorenzo seemed to find the offensive combination, and for the next eight stanzas he outwalloped his sturdy rival. Referee Jack Silver scored it 58½ to 51½ for Vasquez. Poundage: Vasquez, 127½, Felix, 129.

Four round prelims: Al Garibay, 140, drew with Rod Ruba, 139; Bob Burton, 165, KO'd Bob Bachli, 175, in 1; Jackie Tormay, 183, TKO'd Jim Watts, 212, in 4; Sterling Ingram, 204, dec. Calvin Cox, 195; Pat Costello, 204, outpointed Floyd Joyner, 189.

Big Bob Albright, 209, scored the unanimous decision over Sergeant J. B. Reed, 187, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium. It was Albright's second triumph over the rugged soldier from Travis Air Base.

For Albright, it was his 17th win in 19 pro starts. He was held to a "technical" draw by Bob Sherman, when they butted heads in Round One, and dropped a duke to lanky Jake Williams last year in his second pro fight. Since then, he defeated Williams in a rematch. On his record, he should be one of California's big shots in 1955.

In the six-round semi, Tony Reyes, 130, duked Tony Maiorana, 124—a very good scrap. The fours: Satchel Porter, 159, the apple of Frank Crowley's bloodshot eye, racked up his 14th straight win in impressive style by scoring a 3rd round TKO over Bob Moreland, 152. Jerry Marcus, 145, protege of Hank Marcus, made an impressive pro debut by scoring a one-round KO over experienced Clyde Wagner, 143. (Jerry is an elegant prospect, or I miss my guess.) Chubby Dues, 180, decisioned Gene Brown, 205.

Billy Evans, 126½, Pasadena, scored a mild upset at Ocean Park Arena when he defeated Alex Fimbres, 127, of Phoenix. Fimbres had previously duked Evans twice—both close, and very good fights.

Joey Trujillo, 121¾, Denver, won his third straight local scrap by stopping Frankie Orlando, 126, in the scheduled 6-round semi. The fours: Manual Flores, 129, KO (2) over Ricky Palma, 129; Tommy Cuppio, 124, decisioned Tony Provencio, 118; and Bones Davis, 156, KO (1) over Jimmy Monroe, 160.

Twice floored, and on the receiving end of a sound lacing, Buddy Evatt, 135½, suddenly came to life in the 6th round, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, and scored a dramatic knockout over solidly favored Andy Escobar, 137.

It was a dramatic finish to what started as a one-sided affair. Last July, Evatt was stopped by Escobar—the first black mark on Buddy's record. In the process, he took quite a lacing and suffered severe cuts.

This second meeting seemed headed toward the same termination, only more so. In the first heat, Escobar sent Evatt to the canvas for a count of eight; a few seconds later, he repeated the dose, this time for nine. The only round credited to Evatt was the second—and, of course, the 6th, in which he administered the quietus.

In the six-round semi, Candy Lopez, 121½, floored Walter Caldwell four times to score a 4th round TKO win. In the six-round special, Petey Colima, 137½, duked Uli Robertson, 136. The fours: Al Garza, 141, KO (1) over Carlos Estrella, 139; and Tony Provencia, 118, drew with Roy Mainero, 124.

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NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. Jose A. Vieites

I REGRET that due to my long journey to Europe where I went during the latter part of the summer, some of the results which should have appeared, didn't get to The Ring office. Things have picked up again in Cuba, and we look forward to a good year during the next twelve months. Luis Godoy staged the final show of the year in Havana when he pitted Ciro Morasen against Sonny Leon. Any time Godoy can get good talent imported, he hopes to put same on against a good Cuban attraction.

Here are the results of fights that were staged in the latter part of October and November.

Havana Joe Lorenzo, 130½, was stopped in the third of a scheduled tenner by Mexican Kid Anáhnac, 127¼ pounds. Cuban flyweight champion, Oscar Suárez, 115¾, won as he pleased in ten from Mexican flyweight king, Memo Diéz, 116. Last time they fought a draw, but this time Suarez was tops.

Jesús García, 137¾, won in 6 from Manuel Herrera, 139¾, Sergio Cárdenas, 122, stopped Narsiso Santos, 116¼, in 2, and Joe Alvarez, 149¼, won in 4 from Reinaldo González, 154¼.

HAVANA: Julio Mederos, 187, stopped American Ralph Schneider, 224 in the first round. Tom Tatum, 171, repeated his k.o. over Cuban Light-heavy champ, Kid Yova, 172¼, in the fifth.

Marino González, 131¼, stopped Armando Labarere, 128, in one round. Armando Baragaño, 133¼, won in 6 from Luis Restoy, 132¾, and Carlos Chivas, 139½, won in 4 from Antonio Rodríguez, 140¼.

Havana:—Cuban Middles king Kid Charolito, 157, got the surprise of his life, when after leading for three rounds in which he had scored four knockdowns, he got himself kayoed in the fourth by American Hank Jones, 153½, who was out on his feet.

Fernando Silva, 132½, stopped José Sánchez, 132, in 1; Humberto Díaz Llerandi, 118, won in 6 from Arlando Rodríguez, 115; Felix Samada, 150, stopped Joe Alvarez, 148¼, in 4, and, Reinaldo Tabío, 114½ stopped Bruno A. Costa, in one. Bruno came in at 114¾.

Havana:—Julio Mederos, 191¼, stopped American Larry Lovett, 182½, in the first. In another star bout, also scheduled for ten rounds, (Gallito del Ring), Orlando Castillo, 123½, won every round from Manuel Castro, same weigh. Marino González, 131, won in eight from Rafael Kindelán, 128½; Erundino López, 116, stopped Rolando Urrútia, 112, in 2, and Eduardo dela O, 156½, stopped Jorge Mann, 161¼, in 2.

Havana:—Martín Rodríguez, 127, stopped Lorenzo Cabrera, 126½, in 7. H. Díaz Llerandi, 117¾, stopped Vic Recio, 118½, in the eight. Gus Ramos, 145, stopped Felix Samada, 149¾, in 1. Jesús Garcia, 138, won in 6 from Manuel Herrera, 135¼, Sergio Cardenas, 121¾, won in four from Miguel Lasú, 117½, and J. R. Olives, 135½, won in 4 from Virgilio López, 135.

Havana:—Cuban welter champion, Jesús (Chico) Varona, 151¾, had two judges voting for him, the other a draw, to turn the tables on Charley Salas, same weight, who upset the Chico in the States.

Santiago Martinez, 126¼, stopped American Al Ware, (Varona's stablemate), 126½, in the first round.

Marino González, 134½, and Juan Medina, 134, fought an eight round draw. Leo Villafaña, 140, and Orlando Valera, 147, also fought a draw in 4, and Carlos Chivas, 139½, stopped Alberto Mena, 134, in the first.

Havana:—The RING's No. 10, feather, Orlando (Baby) Echevarría, who holds the Jr. Lightweight title of Cuba, coming in at 126½, went out of his corner like a house afire, and stopped in 1.69 of round one, American Jimmy Cooper, Wash., D. C., 126¾.

It was an excellent win for Echevarría who bears watching. He is young with a bombshell in both hands.

In the semi final, Rolando Rodríguez, 143¼, won a close eight from Rufino Sardiñas, 140¾.

Angel Gómez, 127, won in six from Luis Mesa, 126¾, Reinaldo Tabío, 113, won in 4 from Manuel Mosqueda, 116, and, Benigno Almaguer, 115, won in 4, from Armando Díaz, 109½.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

FLASH ELORDE, 130 lbs. lightweight champion of the Philippines, outpointed Masaji Akiyama, 134, lightweight champion of Japan in a 10 round non-title bout at the coliseum. Elorde proved too shifty for the Japanese fighter who won all the rounds of the fight.

Ben Escobar, 126, retained his featherweight title by knocking out Hiroshi Okawa, featherweight champion of Japan in the 7th round of a scheduled 12 round championship battle. Okawa was badly outpointing Escobar from the 1st to the 6th and was the master of the situation with his longer reach. He punched the Filipino almost at will but in the 7th, Escobar landed his left and right to the midsection sending the Japanese to the canvas to be counted out.

Danny Kid, 112½, stopped Hiroyuki Tezaki, 116¾, in the 7th round of another scheduled 12 round bout. Tezaki proved no match for the Filipino who sent his rival to the canvas in the very first round with a right to the chin. The Japanese stood up without receiving a count. Another right in the second round again sent Tezaki for a no count knock down. In the third round Danny opened a cut in the Japanese left eye. The Japanese was found with his nose bleeding profusely but he still came in for more. In the fatal 7th Tezaki was found to be the aggressor but was met with volley of blows that sent him to the canvas.

Tenejeros Boy, 133, outpointed Toshiharu Agosui, 133, of Japan in 10 rounds. This was a give and take affair for the full 10 rounds with the Filipino receiving the upper hand. Both boys are tough and slam each other without defending themselves.

Kid Tolosa, 118, and Raytranco Boy, 118, drew in 8 rounds. Joe Cruz, 113, kayoed Little Raytranco, 112, in the 2nd round. Primo Paraiso, 112, won over Little Walcott, 114, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Al Custer, 123, knocked out Clever Leyte, 117, in the 2nd round in their scheduled 8 round main event in Binan, Laguna. Leyte was formerly the bantamweight champion of the Philippines during the Japanese occupation and was also kayoed by David Kui Kong Young in 1947 for the bantamweight championship of the Philippines, in which he was stopped in the 7th round.

Young Eleno, 126, decisioned Young Rosal, 124, of Olongapo in 8 rounds. Kid Montalban, 118, stopped Johnny Logia, 116, in the 5th round. Speedy Nasola, 108, kayoed Ben de Leon, 110, in the 4th round. Bob Burdett, 126, outpointed Joe la Torre, 122, in 4 rounds. Billy Andy, 122, decisioned Little Toney, 120, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Tenejeros Boy, 126, and Baby Mortell Jr., 125, drew in 8 rounds in Calamba, Laguna. Baby Ross, 110, bested Little Brown, 108, in another 8 rounder. Young Carding, 120, won over Danny Kid Jr., 125, in 6 rounds. Strong Delfin, 124, and Avenger, 124, drew in 4 rounds. San Juan Boy, 130, won over Fighting Dan, 124, in four. Fighting de Guia, 113, beat Isla Kid, 113, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Flash Elorde, 129¼, successfully defended his lightweight title by stopping Katsumi Kosaka, 132½, of Japan in the 8th round of a scheduled 12 round lightweight championship of the Philippines. It was promoted by Danny Aniban for the benefit of the Boy's Town at the coliseum. Elorde copped all the rounds until the 8th when the GAB doctor stopped the bout due to the cut over Kosaka's left eye. The main weapon of the Japanese was a straight right which often missed and received punches to the body and face in return. Star Matnog, 139, badly outpointed Taruo Ogawa, 144, in 10 rounds. Ogawa's right hand was sprained in the 3rd round when it landed on the Filipino's head and it was useless in the rest of the bout but failed to be knocked out. The Japanese proved to be too tough and received all the punches the Filipino could dish out.

Ross Padilla, 117, badly outpointed Ric Sanchez, 118, in 10 rounds. Ross toyed with his opponent and taught him some boxing lessons in the full limit. Emil "Bill" Tinde, 126, knocked out Willie Tomada, 123, in the 5th round. Willie gave a good account of himself by exchanging with his stronger rival, but in the fatal 5th he sent a right uppercut to the ribs and received a hard right to the chin in return sending him to the canvas to be counted out.

Blackie Robinson, 107, knocked out Baby Mortell, 112, in the 2nd round. It was a surprise to all when they saw the veteran Mortell on the canvas receiving the toll of the referee. Little Cezar, 123, won over Gene Aragon, 119, in 6 rounds. Only the cleeverness of Aragon saved his skin for a kayo. Primo Paraiso, 112, won over Frankie Mabini, 113, in the 4 round opener.

Larry Bataan, former featherweight champion of the Orient outpointed Yoshihara Yokoi, 123, in 10 round main event at the coliseum. Bataan was always found on top of the Japanese, who failed to locate his rival during the duration of the battle. Ben Dayrit, 118¾, won over Yushiyuki Kitamura, 110¾, in another 10 rounder. Although the Japanese was small in comparison with his opponent but he gave a good account of himself with his aggressiveness and gameness. He was down for a 5 count in the very first round. He even stood toe-to-toe and exchanged with his heavier opponent in most of the rounds. Baby Brown, 120, licked Vic Fuentes, 122, in 8 rounds. Rad Capistrano, 112, and Little Brown, 111, drew in 6 rounds. Kid Brown, 115, lost to Gon Francisco, 116, in 4 rounds. Manny Ortega, 112, won over Young Fuentes, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Severo Fuentes, 130, and undefeated lightweight sensation of Mindanao, badly outpointed Tommy Lerma, 135, in a 10 round bout in Davao City. The card was promoted by Pablo Guinoo of Davao City. Baby Rosenberg, 118, and Baby Alexander, 119, drew in 8 rounds. Eddie Mendoza, 112, defeated Tiger Torres, 111, in 6 rounds. Flashy Ibanez, 110, and Blackie Arab, 111, drew in four. Rocky Ongko, 115, beat Flash Masiamco, 117, in 4. Buen Paredes, 112, defeated Kid Independence Jr., 111, in four. Battling Dumaguillas, 110, bested Fighting Romy, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Lope Sarreal, the Filipino promoter of Japan is now in Manila, with his lightweight champion son-in-law Flash Elorde for a brief visit to his country. He is planning to bring Tanny Campo back to Japan for minor fights. Lope may promote in Manila before leaving for Japan where he has his permanent residence. He has now a granddaughter from the lightweight champ and he is proud to be called a grandfather.

Little Cezar of Binan, Laguna, who is managed by Lt. Col. Laureano G. Carino and trained by Candido Carino has a very bright future if properly handled and matched. The boy has the punch, build, stamina and the heart but needs some more training for more punches. He has the steam in both hands but must learn some punches from different angles. If properly given the real instructions may some day hold a Philippine title.

Bill Tinde is another fighter with a bright future. He possesses the stamina, toughness and power in either mitt.

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MONTH'S TOP FIGHTS

The final month of the year was one of the most active in 1954. It brought into action top men in all divisions, with several championship bouts adding to the interest.

Since this is our Annual Ratings of Boxers issue, "The Fighter of the Month" and the Month's Best Prospects have been eliminated. Here are the month's leading results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Baker decisioned Coley Wallace in 10 rounds.

Nino Valdes kayoed Jimmy Walls, 2.

Charley Norkus outscored Roland LaStarza, 10. Johnny Williams kayoed Francis Coueret, 4.

Jack Gardner kayoed Lucien Touzard, 3. Tommy Jackson stopped Keene Simmons, 6.

Jimmy Byrne drew with J. B. Reed, 10. Rex Layne won on a disqualification over Bill Boatsman, 7, then held Heinz Neuhaus to a draw, 10. Hein Ten Hoff kayoed Robert Eugene, 5.

Willie James halted Ed Sanders, 11, who died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Embrell Davidson bested Bert Whitehurst, 8. Bert kayoed Dave Ragus, 3. Julio Mederos lost to Harold Johnson, 10.

Cesar Brion halted Gil Newkirk, 6. Sid Peaks kayoed Bing Roberts, 7, and Bob Jackson, 1.

Archie McBride was stopped by Billy Smith, 9. Young Jack Johnson kayoed Frank Buford, 4. Wayne Bethea decisioned Rico Hackney, 6, and Robert Graves, 6.

Swedish Champion Ingemar Johannson flattened Werner Wiegand, 5. Howie Turner halted Johnny Hoye, 7. Johnny Summerlin defeated Toxie Hall, 8.

Neil Welch defeated Benny Thomas, 6, and Wilbur Dilly, 6. Billy Burke kayoed Andy Henry, 5. Sonny Jones drew with Shirley Pembleton, 6.

Franco Cavicchi won Italian title by stopping Uber Bacilieri, 10, and followed with knockouts over Francis Coeuret, 4, and Hugo Salfeld, 4, and a decision over Ansel Adams, 10. Zora Folley defeated Georgie Woods, 10, and Jimmy Ingram, 10. Duke Sabedong stopped Chuck Ross, 3.

Emil Brtko outpointed Joe Tuvell, 8. Mike DeJohn kayoed Mack Coy, 4. Al Adams beat Syd Wagner, 5. (twice).

Willie Coleman bested Willie Wilkerson, 5. Harley Breshears kayoed Billy Forbes, 4. Bob Hill stopped Billy Booker, 2.

Bo Willis stopped Lee Pearce, 4. Jimmy Relish kayoed Jimmy Johnson, 3. Leo Petras defeated Don Upshaw, 6. Terry O'Connor beat Bill Tatum, 5. Bob Caplette kayoed Al Thomas, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Billy Smith kayoed heavyweight Archie McBride, 9. Joey Maxim outpointed Paul Andrews, 10.

Floyd Patterson defeated Jimmy Slade, 8. Marty Marshall kayoed Bob Satterfield, 2. Esau Ferdinand outscored Don Grant, 12.

Harold Johnson outscored heavyweight Julio Mederos, 10. Eddie Cotton outscored Murray Bennett, 8.

Yolande Pompey kayoed Wim Snoek, 3. French Champion halted Jeng Serres, 4, and flattened Spanish title-holder Jose Gonzales, 5.

Hosa Chapman defeated heavyweight Claude Brown, 8, then stopped him in 4. Ivan Fontana outfought Simon Ayankin, 8. Claude Chapman whipped Don McCray, 8.

Horst Niche eliminated Gunter Sladky, 3. Waddell Hanna defeated Shirley Pembleton, 8. Shirley then drew in 6 with heavyweight Sonny Jones. Zeke Robinson decisioned Willie Colbert, 8.

Johnny Jenkins outscored Elmo Lincoln, 6. Henry Taylor defeated Shamus Jones, 8.

Ron Barton stopped Sammy Mercier, 3, and Jimmy Davis, 4. Jimmy Ingram lost to heavyweight Zora Folley, 8. Max Chris kayoed Rube Smith, 1.

Sonny Burke outscored Joe Moran, 8. Don McCray defeated Bob Bolton, 6. Gunnar Nilsson flattened Jempy Bentz, 6 . Miguel Napoles lost to middleweight Samuel Nunes, 10.

Ron Whittle defeated Freddie Miller, 6. Joe Chibe defeated Eddie Lee, 5. George Wilson bested Bob O'Bannon, 6. Frank Bolla beat middleweight Rocky DuFour, 6.

John Harding stopped Harlan Kelley, 3. Clyde Watson kayoed Harvey Taylor, 3. Tom Tatum stopped George Knowles, 2, and Yova Kid, 5.

Dick Vess kayoed Tommy Tinicki, 3. Lou Campanelli deefated Stan Ketchell, 6. Bob Medina kayoed Billy Edwards, 1.

Bill Curro kayoed Harold Moore, 2, but was stopped by Bud Baker, 3. Jean Corhay stopped by middleweight Claude Milazzo, 4. Syl Armstrong halted Kenny Lovegrove, 5. Tiger McHenry kayoed Freddy Milton, 1.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carl Olson stopped Pierre Langlois eleventh round.

Al Andrews lost to welterweight Vince Martinez, 10. Rocky Castellani halted Moses Ward, 8.

European Champion Charley Humez kayoed Pedro Jimenez, 8. Holly Mims kayoed Jimmy Jones, 2.

Canadian champion Charlie Chase whipped Frankie Belanger, 8. Willie Pastrano outscored Bobby Dykes, 10.

Jimmy Martinez outscored Pedro Gonzales, 10. Gil Turner kayoed Charley Scott, 8, and Ray Drake, 9. Ray beat Joe Tomasello, 8.

Billy McNeece outslugged Ted Olla, 10. Mike Holt kayoed Eddie Thomas, 12.

Gene Fullmer whipped Peter Muller, 10. Muller defeated Ralph Jones, 10, and welterweight Joe Miceli, 10.

Pete Adams whipped Rocky Tomasello, 10. Bob Stetcher held Joe Miceli to a draw, 10, but lost to Allie Gronik, 10. Wes Echols beat Bobby Ross, 10.

Italo Scortichini defeated Luther Rawlings, 10, and Chico Varona, 10. Hank Jones kayoed Kid Charolito, 4. Rinzi Nocero defeated Tommy Dixon, 8. Tommy also lost to Joe Shaw, 6.

Claude Milazzo stopped light-heavyweight Jean Corhay, 4, but was edged out by Gustav Scholz, 10. Andy Mayfield upset Billy Kilgore, 10. Jimmy King kayoed Ivano Forntana, 8.

Tony Baldoni outscored Gordon Wallace, 8. Joe Dorsey defeated Cyril Kelly, 10. Clarence Cook beat Tino Longoria, 10.

British Champion Johnny Sullivan thrashed Jan Hagenaar, 10. Bobby Moore outlasted Irwin Schulz, 8.

Emile Delmine whipped Baby Day, 8. Jerome Richardson kayoed Johnny Davis, 2. Jim Cody defeated Reuben Hernandez, 10.

Jackie Lovatt drew with Jimmy Montgomery, 8. Gus Rubini defeated Billy Lauderdale, 8, and kayoed Jose Olivera, 6. Samuel Nunes defeated Miguel Napoles, 10.

Joe Leudanski kayoed Nenos (King) Solomon, 7. Calvin Brad defeated Jimmy Morris, 10. Claudio Buniva halted Carlo Mola, 3.

Rudy Jimenez stopped Memo Garmendia, 4. Alessandro D'Ottavio drew with Jimmy King, 8.

Billy Tuck bested Duke Peaks in 6, twice, and beat Warren Desmond, 6. Billy Hester defeated Willie Johnson, 6. Johson also lost to Andy Watkins, 6.

Gene Cooper defeated Chango Patino, 6. Johnny Valdes beat Dick Newall, 6. Carlos Carbonell defeated Dick Kuster, 6.

Marty Feldman kayoed Walter Pegg, 2, and Howard Lee, 3. Al Williams defeated Stachell Porter, 6. Bill Lanza kayoed Cal Cooper, 1.

Sonny Gill defeated Pete Gonzales, 6. Jimmy Perault beat Dick Newell, 6, and Billy Pinkus, 8.

Sherman Williams kayoed Tommy Carter, 2, and Eddie Miller, 2, but lost to Charlie Glover, 6. Charlie kayoed Harvey Fuqua, 2.

Tombstone Smith whipped Johnny Houston, 6, but was kayoed by Neal Rivers, 5. Tommy Swan stopped Johnny Neal, 1. Jim Robinson defeated James Carter, 6.

Frankie Lentine whipped Mickey Warner, 6. Gerry Tessier decisioned Johnny Cox, 6.

Jacques Royer-Crecy outfumbled Serge Barthelemy, 10. Lew Lazar drew with Terence Murphy, 8. Greek Champion Jan Papodopoulos lost to welterweight Garbis Zacharyan, 10. Chuck Coleman drew with Larue Harvey, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Welterweight King Johnny Saxton, making his first start since winning title, outfought Ramon Fuentes, 10. (non-title)

Vince Martinez whipped middleweight Al Andrews, 10. Freddy Dawson defeated French titleholder Eddie Dione, 12.

Chico Varona edged out Charley Salas, 10, but lost to middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10.

Johnny Cesario outpointed Vic Cardell, 10. Joe Miceli drew with middleweight Bob Stecther, 10, and lost to Peter Muller, 10.

George Barnes won British Empire title by kayoing Barry Brown, 11. Siegfried Burrow outfought Helmut Hohmann, 8.

Allie Gronik outscored middleweight Bob Stetcher, 10. Rene Weissmann edged out Bruno Marostegan, 10.

Luther Rawlings lost to middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10. Alfonso Flores beat Ernesto Molina, 10. Johnny Brown kayoed Johnny Eubanks, 4.

Duke Harris outpointed Tommy Maddox, 8. Kid Azteca bested El Conscripto, 10.

Harold Jones defeated Pirrin Vega, 10, then drew in 10. Joe Castaneda kayoed Enrique Gomez, 4, but lost to Julio Cesar Jiminez, 10. Earl Dennis drew with Ernie Roberts, 8.

Ernie Greer defeated Freddy (Babe) Herman, 10. Ramon Tiscareno stopped Frankie Ray, 7. Al Barbero stopped Archie Whitewater, 6.

Billy Sudduth defeated Andy Watkins, 8. Paolo Melis defeated Barry Allison, 10. Barry outpointed Tony Percy, 10. Carmen Bartolomeo defeated Jake Josato, 8.

Stan Harrington kayoed Chuck Cureton, 7. Denny Goslow beat Mario Sarro, 8, but was kayoed by Stan Micheaux, 1. Antonio Lopez won from Luigi Valentini on disqualification, 9.

Bertram Bailey defeated Henry W. Smith, 6. Mike Colucci kayoed Ralph Giordano, 3. Carlo Sarlo stopped Georgie James, 4, but lost to Ansy Watkins, 5.

Jose Olivera stopped Pierre Hernandez, 7, but was kayoed by Gus Rubicini, 6. Johnny Cooke drew with Archie Monroe, 8.

Artie Thlemaque drew with Henny Winchman, 8. Billy Clark kayoed Rocky Ramos, 3. Julio Cesar Jiminez drew with Victor Torrers, 10. Bob Rossie kayoed Allan Nixon, 2.

Izzy Angelo beat Jimmy Mattos, 6, and Toby Silva, 6. Gene Roberts beat Lee Quirk, 8, Lee kayoed Dick Grathoff, 3. Sonny Amoroso kayoed Jerry Fowler, 5.

Frankie Smith decisioned Danny Davis, 6. Sonny Bunn decisioned Frankie Skidmore, 6.

Joe DeLucca scored over Carl Caporale, 6. Larry Griffin decisioned Busty Gallant, 8. Gene Poirer whipped Sonny Lord, 6.

Eddie Brant kayoed Billy Martin, 4. Jerry Fowler stopped Richie Jones, 5. Norm Johnson stopped Clinton McDade, 4.

Gerry Phelps bested Gaspard Bouchard, 6. Carl Stafford beat Andy Maes, 6. Joe Cardenas decisioned Al Perez, 6.

Rocky Sullivan kayoed Billy Holmes, 1. Frankie Quarles drew with Dave Wagoner, 6. Alex Amador bested Lou Castillo, 6. Lou then defeated Al Garibey, 6.

Frankie LaDoll kayoed Jimmy Dupree, 4. Al Wells kayoed Bobby Fletcher, 2, but was kayoed in 3 by lightweight Dixon Hoxey. Jean Ruellet outfought Bachir Cheraka, 10.

Alan Kennedy decisioned Young Chico, 10. Turkish Champion Garbis Zacharyan outfought middleweight Jan Papadopoulos, 10. Cloyed Ketcherside kayoed Phil Williams, 2.

Isaac Logart stopped Calvin Davis, 2. Andy Figaro defeated Joe Salvato, 6. Eddie Prince bested Mario Terry, 8. Billy Lynch kayoed Billy Durham, 3. Martin Cambra decisioned Mel Freitas, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Frankie won over Orlando Zulueta, 10. Bobby Woods lost to featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, 10. (non-title).

Wallace (Bud) Smith kayoed Arthur Persley, 9. Lulu Perez kayoed featherweight Tommy Collins, 2.

Seraphin Ferrer won French title by halting Auguste Caulet, 14. Johnny Gonsalves decisioned Johnny Salkeld, 10.

Santiago Esteban defeated Frankie Cockrell, 10. Cisco Andrade outscored Morris Leviege, 10.

Noel Humphreys stopped Billy Carter, 4. Georgie Araujo defeated Tommy Tibbs, 10, but was stopped by Jackie Blair, 7. Beto Carbajal was held to a draw by Julio Escobedo, 10.

Dennis Pat Brady whipped Johnny Busso, 8. Don Jordan halted Manny Renteria, 7. Boland Abrams kayoed Henry Brown, 2. Marcelino Pena outpointed Lalo Gallardo, 10.

Joe Lopes stopped Tommy Manaois, 6, and beat Lulu Perez, 10. Georgie Monroe outscored Charley Slaughter, 10, and Herman Gary, 8. Alan McFater bested Young Junior, 10, and Wes Lowrey, 10.

Art Ramponi kayoed Juan Luis Campos, 6, and Ramon Carrillo, 8. Rudy Jordan stopped Lou Flippo, 7. Larry Armstead kayoed Nat Jackson, 5.

Masahi Akiyama defeated Baby Gustillo, 10. Brian Kelly defeated Guy Gracia, 10. Nunu Randle beat Ramon Carrillo, 8.

Vicente Matute kayoed Manuel Perdomo, 4. Tommy Marciano defeated Frankie Dixon, 7. Jose Arguelles outpointed Floro Hita, 10.

Jimmy Grow outscored Ralph Weiser, 10. Mickey Zielke kayoed Dick Perkins, 2, and outpointed Ralph Cervanters, 8. Pete Kawala bested Dick Powell, 6.

Charley Cummings defeated Moony Curry, 8. Bobby Kilburn kayoed Joe Guzzetti, 2. Danny Davis outpointed Dick Murphy, 8, and halted Cleo Webber, 2.

George Collins outscored Nur Mohammed, 8. Gonzalo Andueza kayoed Enrique Bidau, 1, and drew with Guillermo Medina, 6. Jimmy Savala kayoed Jimmy Walker, 2.

Tommy Barto scored over Gasper Ortega, 8. Aldo Menti trimmed Rip Russell, 6, and Jerry Drouin, 8. Gabriel Diaz stopped Sal Rivera, 8. Dexter Connors bested Jean Richards, 8. Johnny Hart defeated Mickey Kane, 10, and Frankie Sales, 10. Joe Wamsley won over Frankie Madison, 6. Al Maglieri kayoed Jimmy Johnson, 2.

Bobby Bickle kayoed Warren Woods, 4. Willie Stevenson beat Rocky Sullivan, 6, and Bobby Kilburn, 8. Earl Clemmons whipped George LaMalza, 6.

Gordon Lee kayoed Hank Lujon, 5. Tommy Flores beat Gil Castillo, 6. Jimmy Scalero defeated Artie McCann, 6, and Stan Smith, 6. Sammy Fortuno kayoed Billy Jones, 4.

Al Duarte defeated Rocky Sullivan, 6. Johnny Wills stopped Cleo Lane, 3. Roberto Bolanos kayoed Agustin Rosales, 4.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

WORCESTER, MASS., Dennis Goslow, Laurel Hill, 150, gained a split decision over Mario Sarro, 152, Worcester, Grafton Hill, in eight rounds at Mechanics Hall. Referee Johnny Drew voted for Sarro.

Bobby Kilburn, Worcester, 137, kayoed Joe Guzzetti, of Watertown, in 2.09 of the second round.

Joe Duso, Blackstone Valley, 135½, dropped a split decision to Bobby West, 131, Providence, in four rounds.

Bill Fitzgerald, 130, Blackstone Valley, fought a four round draw with Frankie Daga, 131½, of Providence.

Dick Gaudet, 156, Fitchburg, kayoed Dennis Sullivan, 160, Providence, (2).

Bob Tretheway, 177, lost on a four round technical knockout to Jim McKenna, 197, Providence, when he wrenched his right knee at the end of the third round.

In the eight round semi-final, Jimmy Montgomery, 149, Cambridge, and Jackie Lovatt, 155½, Providence, fought a draw.

Joe Devlin, 152½, Jamaica Plain, outpointed Toby Silvia, 152½, Fall River, (4)

Butsy Gallant, 148½, Boston, and Sonny Mediros, 148, Taunton, drew, (4).

Dom Preston, 143, Malden, stopped Norman Shaw, 142, Fall River, in 43 seconds of the third round.

Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson 137¼, West End, outpointed Ricky Sullivan, 140¼, Dorchester, (6).

Willie Pollard, 156½, Boston, stopped Jim Ahearn, 153¼, Avon, in 2.35, of the third round.

New Britain, Conn.—Tony Grasso, 125, New Britain, scored an unpopular decision over Johnny O'Brien, 128, of Boston, in an eight round feature bout at the Stanley Arena.

Boston, Mass.—Tony DeMarco stopped Pat Manzi of Syracuse in the first round at the Boston Arena. Joe Devlin 150½ Jamaica Plain, stopped Ronnie Valoir, 149½, Worcester, (1) Red Cogran, 154, South Boston, outpointed Johnny McDonough, 152½, South Boston, in six rounds.

Claude Chapman, 171¼, Cambridge, outpointed Don McCray, 166½, Roxbury, (8) McCray who last year was National Amateur Champion, was outclassed. Lou Campanelli, 166, Providence, outpointed Stanley Ketchell, 158½, Portland, Maine in six rounds. Eddie Connors, 146½, Sharon, outpointed Billy Mays, 145½, Boston, (4).

Providence, Rhode Island.—Ralph Zanelli, former New England welterweight and middleweight champion, twice denied a new ring license by State Boxing Officials, proposed a private demonstration that he is not too old to fight at 39. While his appeal from the latest State Board decision was pending before the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Zanelli appealed to press radio and television to aid him in proving his case.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

ANTHONY PETRONELLA, NBA president, received the annual everlast award while being honored at his testimonial dinner here. Abe Greene, Steve Ellis, Harry Markson and many other personalities attended, including Rocky Marciano.

Tommy Jackson scored a sixth round TKO over Keene Simmons. Simmons gave his all in the first two rounds and then wilted from the heavy pounding dished out by Jackson, at the Arcadia.

Cesar Brion was declared the winner in the sixth by Ref. Bill Lynch who claimed his opponent Gil Newkirk was outclassed.

Curley Munroe, Worcester firecracker, scored an upset by beating Charley Slaughter, of Newark, in a sizzling ten spot. Eddie Shapiro's protege made many friends with his swashbuckling style.

George Araujo, local lightweight scored over Tommy Tibbs. Lou Campanelli, local Middleweight, defeated Henry Kay and Stanley Ketcell. Jackie Lovatt returned to the ring and drew with Jimmy Montgomery in 8. Izzy Angello beat Jimmy Mattos and Toby Silva in a pair of sixes. Bobby Soares, local Feather, stopped Frank Silva, in 4, but dropped a close verdict to Young Langlois.

Al Duarte, beat Rocky Sullivan in six on a split decision. Cisco Halley beat Norman Shaw in 4. Bob Hill, local Heavy, looked good stowing away Billy Booker, of Hartford, in two rounds. Don McCrae, Boston, beat Bob Bolton in six. Jerry Fazzano scored a one round kayo in his debut. Ernie Decesare was his victim.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

WATERBURY, Nov. 19, Herman Gary, 138, Waterbury, substituting for fellow townsman, Tony Mascia, who was injured in training, gave George "Curley" Monroe, 138½, of Worcester plenty of trouble in losing in the 8 round feature bout. Gary, making a last minute substitution and fighting his first main bout, more than held his own with the more experienced Monroe in the early rounds, but began to tire in the late rounds. The crowd of about 500, paying a little under $1,000, was well pleased with Gary's gameness and fine showing.

Bobby Sasso, 132, Waterbury lost in another good fight to Bobby West 131, Providence in a four.

New Britain, Nov. 21, Johnny O'Brien, 120, Boston won an 8 round decision over Joe Guillette 120½, Hartford in the feature bout of an all semi-pro undercard show at the Stanley Arena. Referee Hughie Devlin, scoring it 22-16 for O'Brien, gave the Boston boy 6 rounds and called 2 even. The crowd and gate was too small to mention.

New Britain promoter Jimmy Clinch after this last losing show, tossed in the sponge.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, once two of the best fistic cities in the state, dropped to a new low during the past year. But nearby small towns have been keeping the game alive. In a fine show at Orwigsburg, near Pottsville a fine show was dished up to the fans recently.

In the main go, Bob Provizzi, light-heavyweight from Freeland, scored a unanimous decision over Joe DiGuardia of New York in the 8-round feature event. Provizzi, who entered the ring at 161, was awarded all eight rounds by the referee and the two judges over DiGuardia, who hit the Fairbanks at 166½. The New Yorker, who was a crimson red from the waist up at the end of the bout from the punching-blows by Provizzi, waged a defensive battle all the way. Bob registered his 27th victory in 29 appearances as a pro.

Harry Deputy, in the semi-windup, stole the show and won many new friends. The Pottsville puncher scored one of his most glittering victories with a second round TKO over formidable Emerson Butcher, 150. The Pottsville 146-pounder stung the more experienced Rock Island, Ill., battler, in the first round, and put the clincher within 49-seconds of the second round. Deputy floored his rival for an eight count right at the start of the heat, and then cut loose with rights and lefts to the body and some fine shots to the head before Referee Johnny Kelly stepped in to halt the one-sided duel.

Tony Cambria, 147, Reading, scored a sudden knockout over Jimmy Johnson, New York, 144, in 22 seconds after the start of the second round with a smashing right to the head and a left to the jaw. It was Cambria's first start as a pro.

Frank Rapino, 163¼, another Reading boy, received a four-round victory over John (Bat) Nicholson, 169, of Uniondale, Pa.

In the curtain-raiser, David Gillard, 133, Reading, and Harvey Childs, 134½, Brooklyn, battled to a four-round draw.

Promoter Charles Dimmerling, Pottsville, initial show proved very popular with the near capacity throng and will run shows during the winter months.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

CHIEF Bill Brennan, former boxing coach of the famed USS Mississippi, now coach and matchmaker at the Naval Base, in Norfolk, presented this year's first smoker before a capacity house. Brennan's well matched card, supplied plenty thrills.

After many difficulties, the March of Dimes boxing committee of Norfolk, headed by Dr. Edward Myers, Mr. Charles Ford and Mr. John Burton, will present the 8th Annual Polio Benefit card, via television. The above named committee, through the help of Preacher Parsons (local Pabst Blue Ribbon distributor) and many civic-minded sportsmen, will present its first nationally televised boxing program.

The March Issue of THE RING will have a Complete Wrestling Coverage

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE International Boxing Club presented a nationally rated program of fighters at the Chicago Stadium, featuring two ten round bouts. In the featured ten, Al Andrews pounded out a split decision over Chico Varona of Cuba.

Neither Andrews nor Varona scored a knockdown. Andrews bled freely from the nose and right eye after the sixth round. A rally in the closing three rounds won the decision for Andrews.

Referee Frank Gilmer scored it 97 to 94, Judge Lou Capparelli gave each man 95, and Judge Ed Hintz resolved the deadlock with a 95 to 92 vote. Andrews outweighed his opponent by 4½ pounds.

In another scheduled ten spot, Bob Satterfield, Chicago heavyweight, made short work of Johnny Holman, Chicago, when he took 76 seconds of the first round to dispose of him. Holman shook Satterfield with a combination as the round started, but the South Sider came back roaring with a two fisted barrage, showering his foe with right and lefts, finally dropping him with a flashing overhand left that landed clean. Holman tried to climb off the canvas at nine, but his legs wouldn't take orders.

Raul Perez, a welterweight from New York and Cuba, upset Bobby Brown, Chicago slugger, by scoring a knockout in the third round of a scheduled four spot.

Benny Thomas, Chicago heavyweight came from certain defeat in the sixth and final round to knock out Johnny Gray of Chicago. Gray had Thomas beaten badly until he ran into some stiff punching.

Auburn Copeland, a fast featherweight from Detroit easily won a six rounder from Dick Powell, of Chicago. A crowd of 5,680 paid a net of $12,496 to see the show which was neither televised nor broadcast.

TONY ZALE, former world's middleweight champion, and JOHNNY COULON, former world's bantamweight titleholder, are two busy men. Zale is doing a good job refereeing around the country and Coulon is wowing the fans with his world famous lifting act. Johnny now is offering $1000 in cash to anyone who can lift his 105 pound frame off the floor. Both are under contract to yours truly.

The Marigold Arena now promoting boxing with the I. B. C. affiliation, pitted Johnny Brown, of Chicago against Johnny Eubanks, of Pittsburgh. The bout scheduled for ten rounds, ended in the third when Brown was declared the winner in the third on a T.K.O. Frank Smith, Chicago welterweight beat Johnny Cobb, also of Chicago in a four round bout. Smith looked good. He is under the banner of Fortune Renucci.

Carlos Sarlo, scored a T.K.O. over George James, of Chicago in the 4th heat. They are welters. Louis Carr, Chicago welterweight, knocked out Howard Marshall in three frames.

Marty Feldman, Philadelphia middleweight, came from behind to stop Walter Pegg, of Chicago in the 2nd round.

The old adage about you don't make mistakes in the ring and get away with it once again came true at the Chicago Stadium. Paul Andrews, 180, Buffalo, New York, made this mistake and it cost him a ten round decision loss to clever Joey Maxim, 189½, Cleveland, Ohio. In the first round, the lanky Buffalo lad hit Maxim with solid punches to the head hurting him and closing his right eye.

Starting with the second round, Andrews switched his attack to the body and this cost him the fight. Maxim, with one eye closed, made a novice out of his opponent in most of the rounds. Joey stabbed with his left and crossed with solid rights on Andrews jaw in the middle rounds. Maxim, looking hefty at 189½ pounds, felt strong and did a nice job of outboxing his younger opponent.

In other bouts, Dick Ramizetti, 128½, Detroit, won a four round decision over Gil Slater, 125, a Chicago veteran. Pete Kawala, 129, Winnipeg, Canada, beat Dick Powell, 125, Chicago, in six rounds. Raul Perez, Havana, Cuba, stopped Don Jones, 156, Detroit, in the second round. Neil Welch, 206, Toledo, scored a knockdown and then went on to win a six round verdict from Bennie Thomas, 183, Chicago.

In one of the last boxing shows here in Chicago at Marigold Arena for 1954, Bob Satterfield, Chicago heavyweight ran afoul of a hard hitting Detroit heavyweight and fell victim to a second round knockout at the hands of Marty Marshall, who sent the Chicagoan to the canvas four times before a stunned crowd of 1,189. Referee Joey White completed the final count at 2:09 of the second round.

Satterfield, veteran Chicago fighter who had a date with Archie Moore in Miami, Florida, had been a 4 to 1 favorite in what was to have been a tuneup. Instead it turned out to be Marshall's 12th victory in succession and his 27th in 35 bouts.

The lanky Detroit 24 year old boxer landed solid blows in the first round but held only a slight advantage when he unleashed his power in the second.

Satterfield was floored shortly after the second began, but reached his feet at the count of six. Two lefts and a right sent him to the canvas again but he beat the count again. Downed once more, Bob barely beat the toll of ten before he was decked the final time. This bout proved to the fans that there isn't any such thing as a tuneup.

In other bouts, Lloyd Triplett, 154, Chicago and Cliff Williams, 158, Chicago, drew in an action packed four spot. Sylvester Armstrong, 174, stopped Fonedo Cox, 171, in the 3rd heat. Stan Kursa, Detroit, 136, won a fiver from Al Roberts, 130, Chicago. Andy Watkins, 148, beat Carlo Sarlo, 145, Chicago, in a rough five round bout. The gross gate was $1,835.61.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

FAST, elusive Fili Nava, who has fought twice Raton Macias, easily defeated Babyface Gutierrez in the fight of the month. It was a one-sided affair, Nava taking at least nine of the ten rounds of the match. Other fight results were as given below:

Trini Ruiz, 127, decisioned Genaro Serafin, 127, in ten. Carlos Barragan, 133, stopped Jesse de Hoyos, 132, in eight.

Gabriel Diaz, 137, stopped Salvador Rivera, 138, Peruvian, in eight. Rudy Jimenez, 156, stopped Memo Garmendia, 153, in four.

Rudy Coronado, 118, stopped Kid San Martin, 119, in five. Jose Luis Mora, 117, decisioned Giraldo Bacho, 118, in 10.

Fili Nava, 115, outpointed Babyface Gutierrez, 116, in 10. Marcelino Peña, 134, outpointed Lalo Gallardo, 136, in ten, the decision not being popular.

Beto Carbajal, 130, drew with Julio Escobedo, 130, in ten. Jose Arguelles, 135, decisioned Floro Hita, 135, Cuban, in 10.

Lino Botello, 119, outpointed Baby Lopez, 120, in 10. Roberto Bolaños, 130, stopped Agustin Rosales, 135, in four.

Jose Lopez, 118, decisioned Memo Diez, 118, in 10.

Diez is the national flyweight champ and as he has no opponents in his division, he is fighting bantams. Roy Hernandez, 127, stopped Bombon Kiriz, 127, in three.

"BOXING IN YUCATAN"
By Eduardo Amer G

RESULTS of fights during the month of November:

MERIDA, YUCATAN.—Baby Yucatan (Claudio Ancona), 127, won a decision over Herculano (Mudo) Jimenez, 124, Yucatan bantamweight champion, in ten rounds. Peter Zapata, 108, outpointed Billetero Rodriguez, 109, in eight rounds. Baby Gamboa, 139, bested David Gonzalez, 141, in six rounds. Joe Pardell, 106, iced Andres Palma, 108, in the first round. Chino Reyes, 129, and Carlos Lara, 129, drew after four hard-fought rounds.

HUNUCMA, YUCATAN.—Humberto, Rejon (Black Bill), 137, kayoed Alcibiades Cruz, 132, of Tabasco, in the fifth.

MERIDA, YUCATAN.—Julio Cesar Jimenez, 143, former Mexico lightweight champion, who fights under the alias of "Schmeling-Yucateco", beat Joe Castañeda, 142, of Zacatecas, in ten rounds. Gallito Garcia, 128, Mexico City, decisioned Bombero Aguilar, 130, in ten rounds. Negro Medina, 108, stopped Manuel "Baby" Amaya, 104, in the third. Cubanito Gonzalez, 115, and Tony Salazar, 117, drew in four rounds. Joe Canto, 117, and Relampago de Hunucma, 117, drew in four too.

HUNUCMA, YUCATAN.—Baby Yucatan (Claudio Ancona), 126, bested Chucho Hernandez, 124, of Tabasco, in eight rounds. Rocky Briceño, 115, TKO'd Relampago de Hunucma, 117, in the eigth round.

CAMPECHE, CAMP.—Javier Mendez, 126, of Merida, TKO'd Gavilan Tabasqueño, 134, in nine rounds. Cesar (Borracho) Morales, 126, of Merida, TKO'd Engodo de Campeche, 124, in six rounds.

MERIDA, YUCATAN.—Mike Hernandez, 123, beat Baby Yucatan (Claudio Ancona), 126, in ten rounds. Lazaro Uribe, 114, sensationally kayoed and looked pretty good. He put Urbano Velazquez, 115, to sleep in the third. Delfin Gamboa, 117, beat Baby Mendez, 115, in six rounds. Nando Carvajal, 102, TKO'd Rudy Rosado, 103, in four rounds. Baby Riverita, 119, won a decision over Baby Orozco, 117, in four rounds.

HUNUCMA, YUCATAN.—Pancho Tronera, 117, decisioned Rocky Briceño, 115, in eight rounds.

CAMPECHE, CAMP.—Kid Champoton, 127, KO'd Ray Mancilla, 126, in six rounds. Baby Gamboa, 139, of Merida, stopped Diamante Ramirez, 141, in seven rounds. Baby Valencia, 116, who looks good for the future, floored three times and KO'd Cubanito Gonzalez, 115, in third round.

LEON, GUANAJUATO. — Julio Cesar Jimenez, of Yucatan, drew with Victor Torres, in ten rounds.

Victor Manuel Quijano, Yucatan featherweight champion, bested Luis "Tejon" Contreras in ten rounds at Poza Rica, Veracruz.

GUADALAJARA, JAL. — Ramon Cruz, Yucatan flyweight champion, TKO'd Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, former Mexico flyweight champion, in 7.

SPRINGBOK BOXING ROUND-UP
By Clive Cowley

ALTHOUGH WILLIE TOWEEL (120:6), holder of the South African bantamweight and featherweight titles, clearly outpointed ANDRE VALIGNAT (120) over ten rounds, on November 6th at the Rand Stadium, Johannesburg, he did not impress against the shifty Frenchman. One judge made Toweel the winner by seven points, while the other two gave the South African the fight by five and four points respectively.

The diminutive Frenchman, who was six inches shorter than Toweel, was a difficult target. His bobbing, weaving style might have scored points for him, but his punching was not a points-scoring factor. Valignat's left was rather tentative, while his wild overhand right, which Toweel usually took on his shoulder, seldom landed with the knuckle-part of the glove. The Frenchman was warned for ducking below the belt on three occasions.

For the first three stanzas, Toweel was puzzled by Valignat's crab-like style, but after that his authoritative straight left and his hard right earned him a commanding lead. A straight right dropped the Frenchman for "six" in the eighth session. In the tenth round, in which time Toweel was well on top, a right uppercut caught Valignat off balance, sending him onto the ring apron for a count of "three". Toweel has now scored fourteen straight wins, nine of them via the short route.

Present plans are to match Toweel with ROBERT COHEN for the world bantamweight title in Johannesburg on January 29th.

The former world bantamweight champion, VIC TOWEEL (144¼), was slower but punched harder than previously in his ten-rounder with tough HARRY WALKER (141). Toweel was superior in most of the rounds, but was nearly knocked-out by a series of sharp rights in the third stanza. Walker retired after the sixth round with a profusely bleeding left ear.

HUBERT ESAKOV (125¼) established himself as the No. 1 featherweight contender when he impressively outpointed stocky GERRY BRITS (124½), whose only previous loss was to Willie Toweel, in an exciting four-rounder. Esakov was the featherweight champion at the 1953 Maccabi Games, and is undefeated as a professional.

ALBERT SCOTT (160), one of South Africa's top young middleweights, outpointed rugged CARL DU TOIT (165) in a eight-round fight. In a previous encounter, Scott won in the fourth round.

A crowd of 9,000 watched this Transvaal National Sporting Club promotion.

Before a small crowd at the Central Showgrounds, Bloemfontein, on November 6th, JOHNNY VAN RENSBURG (137), the South African lightweight champion, knocked out moderate BILLY WELLS (141) in the fourth stanza of a six-rounder. The polished Van Rensburg, hitting hard and quickly, used his straight left to soften Wells, who was very game and rarely took advantage of the count, and dropped him six times during the fight with rights to the jaw.

The fight was promoted by the Central Agricultural Sporting Club.

READ THE RING FOR WORLD'S LATEST BOXING DEVELOPMENTS

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

SHERMAN WILLIAMS, Louisville middleweight, celebrated his 20th birthday on Nov. 5th by stopping Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, in the second round at the Labor Temple. In a six-round semi-windup, Andy Watkins, 160 of Indianapolis scored his second decision over Willie Johnson, 158 of Louisville, Ky.

Other results—Billy Tuck, 162 Louisville outpointed Warren Desmon, 160 Indianapolis in six. Eddie Brant, 150 Dayton stopped Billy Martin, 148 Jeffersonville in four. Alvin Perkins, 170 New Albany, Ind. outpointed Ralph Richards, 176 Dayton, in four.

Sid Peaks, 212, demonstrated on Nov. 19, that he hasn't lost the devastating power that once made him a leading heavyweight contender. Peaks knocked out Bing Roberts in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Roberts rallied gamely after being decked twice in the first round by the former Charlestown, Indiana giant and fought on even terms with him through the fourth. Roberts' Kentucky heavyweight title was not at stake. Peaks weighed 212 and Roberts 185.

In the six-round semi-windup, Charlie Glover, 158 Cincinnati, won a decision over Sherman Williams, 161 of Louisville, Ky. Billy Hester, 160 of Louisville won over Willie Johnson, 160 Louisville in six, and Billy Tuck, 164 Louisville outpointed Duke Peaks, 168 of Fort Knox, Ky., in six.

Owensboro, Ky.—Sherman Williams, 160 Louisville knocked out Tommy Carter, 158 of Evansville, Ind., in second round. In the semi-final, Billy Tuck, 160 of Louisville decisioned Duke Peaks, 165, of Fort Knox, Ky., in six. Other results—Buddy Rice, 135, Evansville made his professional debut a winning one by scoring a decision over Bill Phillips, 140 of Hawesville, Ky., in four. Lee Quirk, 148, Evansville, scored a second round TKO over Jack Gathoff, 146, of Louisville, in the third round. Cliff Gibson, 130, Evansville, Ind., won in four over Eddie Hammond, 134, of Louisville, Ky. In the opener Jimmy Foster, 154, Owensboro, gained a verdict over Roland Carneal, 160, of Milport, Ky.

At Owensboro, Ky.—Gene Roberts, 139, scored a decision over Lee Quirk, 147, of Evansville in the eight round main event at the Sports Center. Both fighters are from Evansville, Ind. In the six-round semi-windup, Danny Jones, 135 of Louisville decisioned Cliff Gibson, 133 of Evansville, Ind.

George Wilson, 176, Louisville, Ky. won over Bob O'Bannon, 186, Jeffersonville, Ind., in six. Buddy Rice, 135 Evansville won over Lester Douglas, 130, also of Evansville in four, and in a four round bout Leo Jackson 112 Owensboro knocked out Al Hardin, 111 Jeffersonville, Ind. in the third round. In the opener, Wilburn Bartlett, 160 Hartford won over Herman Scott, 164 Owensboro in four.

WEST VIRGINIA WALLOPS
By Mickey Davies

PROFESSIONAL boxing, absent from the local scene for many months returned recently, with Promoter Jess (The Barber) Ferris, running two successful shows, at Charleston's American Legion Armory.

The second punch program staged by Ferris, found Noel Humphreys, 133, icing Eddie Hammond, 135, Charlestown, Ind., in two minutes of the opening round. The bout had hardly gotten under way when "Noey" as Humphreys is known to pals, put together a three punch combination that spelled "finis" for the Indiana boy.

In other bouts on the November 27 card: Hosea Chapman, 176, Huntington, stopped Claude Brown, 200, Louisville (4). Ossie Henry, 135, Charleston, knocked out Billy Jones, 133, Louisville (2). Willie Carter, 158, Charleston kayoed Billy Tuck, 160, Louisville, (3).

At nearby Portsmouth, Ohio—Hosea Chapman, 176, Huntington won every round from big Claude Brown, 200, Louisville to rack up his sixteenth win in seventeen starts as a pro. (8). Dick Vess, 175, lethal punching Dayton biffer, annihilated Tommy Tinicki, 170, Detroit in the third frame.

Ossie Henry, 133, Huntington, won a hairline decision over Billy Martin, 135, Louisville, in a real lively scrap

Bob Jackson, 185, Dayton, won handily over veteran Bob O'Bannon, 195, Louisville,

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

DAVE RAGUS, Milwaukee, heavyweight, scored a 7 round TKO verdict over Arthur Wright of Detroit, at the Milwaukee Auditorium, with a large percentage of the 1146 cash customers booing the referee. Wright was wobbly at the time and some fans agreed with referee Dick Murphy.

After the bout Murphy resigned saying, "I did not mind the crowd's action but when boxing commissioner Billy Goodsitt, criticized me for stopping the bout too soon, that was too much for me."

Other bouts follow.—Norman Johnson, 138½ Milwaukee, won by TKO over Chet Wiley, 138½, Detroit, in 2 minutes 33 seconds of the fifth round.

Arthur Portley, 124, Milwaukee, won by TKO over Bobby Brooks, 123, New York, in 2 minutes 25 seconds of second round.

Wilbur Dilley, Milwaukee, won by TKO over Murray Burnett, 175, Chicago, in 2 minutes 30 seconds of first round.

Andres Balderos, Milwaukee, 153½, won unanimous decision over Eddie Troy, 151, Detroit, six rounds.

La Crosse—Micky Zielke, La Crosse, Lightweight made it 17 straight, since entering the pro ranks when he scored a two round knockout over Dick Perkins of Milwaukee.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

DAME FORTUNE smiled down upon Allie Gronik, 154, Lincoln Park, at his favorite battle ground, the Motor City Arena, and as result Bob Stecher, 160, Pittsburgh, unfortunately came out second best. The attendance was 1,114.

Ray Mizzi, 156¾, Detroit, dropped Art Kimmel, 150½, Pittsburgh, three times in the first round for a TKO; Raylon Stubbs, 148, Pittsburgh, bested Larry Boaz, 157, Detroit, and John Riggins, 174, Detroit, stopped Willie McClendon, 170½, Detroit, in the first.

Upcoming Clarence "Duke" Harris, 146¾, Detroit, continued to establish himself as one of the mid-west's finest prospects, as he thoroughly drubbed Tommy Maddox, 146½, Chicago, in an eight rounder. A crowd of 1,087 fans at the Motor City Arena watched Harris move inside of Maddox's long arms and work over the Chicagoan, with only Tommy's courage enabling him to last the route. All three of the officials favored the husling Harris: Judge Andy "Kid" Brown 80-64; Judge Al Goodman 78-72; and referee Bobby Watson 77-66.

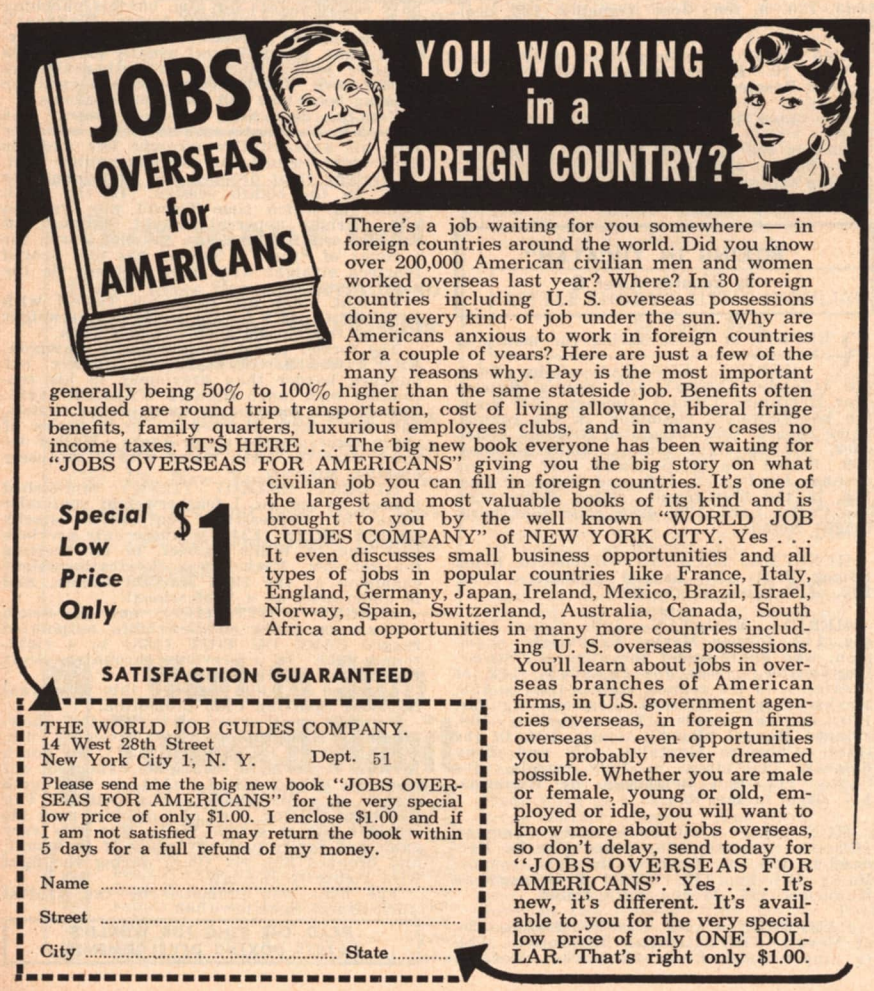
Allan Kennedy, 149, Bay City, had to come on strong in the late rounds to eke out a split decision over Johnny Valdez, 152½, Cedar Rapids. Jackie Butler, 139, Windsor, Ontario, handed Eli Leggett, 138¼, Detroit, his first loss in seven starts; and Joe Chibe, 174, Chicago, defeated Eddie Lee Walker, 175½, Detroit, in a five.

Embrel Davidson, Detroit heavyweight, started another comeback bid with an easy decision over Bert Whitehurst, of Baltimore, in an eight at the MCA. Making his first start since successive knockouts at the hands of Bob Baker and Toxie Hall, Davidson was far too sharp for his willing but definitely outclassed opponent.

Al Adams forced to come off the canvas to barely defeat Sylvester Wager in five, and Willie Coleman over Willie Wilkerson in another five.

A six rounder pairing welterweights, Carlo Sarlo, of Chicago, and Allan Kennedy, of Bay City, topped the weekly MCA offering. Sarlo won the decision in a none too interesting affair that was noted for its lack of punching and repeated clinching. Carlo's aggressiveness gave him the nod.

Frank O'Neal, 142½, Detroit, subbed on short notice and stopped Joey Clark, 150¾, Brandford, Ontario, in the third of a co-feature. Jackie Butler, 140, Windsor, left hooked his way to a five round nod over Johnny White, 138½, Detroit, and flashy Dick Ramizetti, 130, Detroit, tko'd Don Grinton, 131½, Brantford, Ontario,



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BOXING IN SOUTH TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

One of the finest looking youngsters to come along in many moons is Clarence Cook, a lanky 147 pounder who boxes nicely and punches sharply with either mitt. The Oak Grove, Louisiana belter was undefeated in 1954, and was really coming on as the year drew to a close.

Juan Paredes, the Del Rio promoter, put on another action packed card with Francisco Bolanos, 135, hammering out a ten round decision over Raul Reyna, 137, who was hitting the trail back. In the semi-windup, Homero Gonzalez, 129, outpointed Francisco Espinoza, 128, in eight. Mauro Hernandez, 144, scored a good win over Raul Mendez, 147, in six, while Hugo Viguey, 128, dropped Alvaro Salvador 124, for the count in the fourth round of the opener.

Clarence Cook, the very classy Oak Grove, La. welter, who was a "Prospect of the Month" in the June issue of Ring, continues to win as he tacked another scalp to his rapidly filling belt on November 8. This time it was that of "The Bull", otherwise known as Tino Longoria.

Norris Ray, 161, Bastrop, La., edged the veteran Houston Latin, Chango Patino, 150, in the six round semi-final. It was a good win for the rock fisted Ray, a former Louisiana Golden Glove champeen.

In the prelims, Marvin "Ace" Droddy, 135, Houston, remained undefeated as he stopped Robert Hancock, 138, Monroe, in the fourth round. Hancock proved to be troublesome, and a willing mixer. It was Droddy's ninth pro encounter. Elvin Green, 165, Houston, kayoed Henry Burton, 158, Monroe, in the second, while Jack Ferguson, 120, Houston, came out even with Ruhl Brumley, 120, Monroe, in another four.

Cesar Saavedra, the State lightweight boss, came through with his fourth win without a setback in Texas as he outpunched Babe Mathis of Tuscon to win a unanimous ten round decision at San Antonio.

Joe Boland, 126, the Alamo City dynamiter, experienced little difficulty with Homero Gonzalez, 129, Del Rio, and ended hostilities in the third round of the semi-final. Henry Miramontes, 117, Dallas, engaging in only his second money start, won the duke from veteran Celso Hidalgo, 121, Mexico in six action packed rounds. Perhaps the most sensational fight of the night, lasted but one round, as hard hitting Ray Riojas, 137, Fort Worth, rushed out of his corner with an intention of ending it quick, and sent a thunderous right hand crashing against the jaw of the capable Manuel Munoz, 139, Torreon, who was stretched for the count. Another good thumper, George Carter, 146, San Antonio, kept his growing knockout list intact, as he applied the sleep producer to Fernando Alaniz, 148, in round two. Keep your eye on Riojas and Carter—both have the power laden mitts.

The door to professional boxing was swung open down at Corpus Christi, and Benny Lozano put on an action packed card, one that caused him to begin preparations for another venture in the coastal city to be scheduled for early December.

In the ten round feature attraction, Port Arthur's George Easterling, 137, punched too fast for Tony Garcia, 143, Corpus Christi, thereby, walking off with the verdict in his favor.

Ernest Ramos, 133, San Antonio, kayoed Carroll "Frenchy" Labouve, 139, Port Arthur, in the fourth round. George Carter, 146, the Alamo City wildcat, kept right on applying the ice as he chilled the more experienced Jesse Hernandez, 141, in the third. Pete Carrizales, 133, stopped Joe Bertrand, 137, Port Arthur, in three, while Jose Govea, 132, scored a good win over Juan "Lefty" Perez, 124, Corpus Christi, in four.

Got my first look at Harold "Baby Face" Jones of Detroit on November 16, and the Detroit southpaw had a terrific battle on his hands with Mexico's aggressive Pirrin Vega, but emerged the winner after ten rounds of action.

Dynamic punching Ray Riojas, 135, Fort Worth, a real tiger, had lanky Johnny Dale, 142, Trenton, N. J., on the deck several times, before the referee very wisely halted the contest in the second round of a scheduled six.

Eugene Cooper, 153, San Antonio, a dangerous punching southpaw with a great amateur record behind him, banged his way to a six round win over Chango Patino, 150, Houston. Polo Patino, 141, Galveston, and Tony Gonzales, 146, from Houston's Bloody Fifth section, fought to a wild four round draw. Charles Beasley, 143, Houston, continues to roll along undefeated as he outhustled Carl Foy, 146, in the four round curtain raiser.

The return bout between Pirrin Vega and Harold "Baby Face" Jones was unreeled in San Antonio, and was even more exciting than their first punchfest staged in Galveston. They came out of this one even steven after ten rousing rounds of action. A partial crowd thought the popular Vega had won it. Jones came in at 145, Vega at 148.

Ray Riojas, 135, Fort Worth, scored his fourth consecutive kayo since entering the pro ranks by flattening Bobby Garza, 132, Corpus Christi, in the fourth frame. Danny Cardenas, 148, San Antonio, after being behind on points finally caught up with the stiff punching Guy Guerrette, 152, Hartford, Conn., and won by a tkayo in the fifth round of a scheduled six rounder. Guerrette, not in the best of shape, looks like he can go if he really gives the comeback a try. George Carter, 146, San Antonio, the bomb tossing free swinging Alamo City slugger, dropped veteran Chango Patino, 150, Houston, for the count in the second round of a brawl. Tony Castillo, 142, San Antonio, hung one on the whiskers of Polo Patino, 141, Galveston, and won by a kayo in the initial canto.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

THE Dipp brothers, two young chaps from this Cotton Land of Mexico, inaugurated their "Arena Olimpica Laguna" in the neighbor city of Gómez Palacio, State of Durango, with a good card. The new Arena has a seating capacity of 4,000. The matchmaker job is being done by Fernando "Zapatero" Hernández.

Quo Vadis, Kid Azteca? The Great Señor of the boxing game in México. Don Luis Villanueva y Páramo, better known as the "Keed" Azteca, who is 40 years old, is doing his job in the ring better than any of the young fellows. He won easily over Tomás López "El Conscripto", welterweight champ of Mexico and Texas in his latest bout. The decision was unanimous after 10 rounds and the match was staged at Monterey on November 27.

César "The Chino", son of Colonel Saavedra, continued his good campaign in Texas rings. Ralph Smith, the Galveston promoter is taking good care of "Chino" Saavedra and has made the boy an idol of the cowboys in the Lone Star State. On November 2nd, César Saavedra outpointed Ralph Capone after 10 rounds in Galveston, and on November 9, "The Chino" easily decisioned Forrest "Babyface" Mathis, also in a 10-rounder at San Antonio.

At Monterrey on October 30, Otilio "Zurdo" Galván, former flywweight king of México, beat Pedro "Patitas Chuecas" García, Mexico City bantamweight, in ten rounds.

Joe Castañeda weighing 148 is also doing good far away from the La Laguna rings. On November 8 the gallant "minero" kayoed Enrique Gómez in four on the Guadalajara ring. Later, he flew to Old Yucatán and lost a split decision with Julio César Jiménez in ten rounds; this match was staged in Mérida, November 17.

Juan Leaños, lightweight champion of La Laguna, went to Ciudada Juárez, November 13, and lost a ten round decision with Armando Muñiz.

Now, the results of matches staged at the La Laguna rings during the month.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—Augustin "Diablito" Campos, 116, won a decision over Manolo Ramírez, 117, in ten. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 123, KO'd Lino Gonzáles, 125, in the first round.

Auditorium "Cruz Blanca", Chávez:—Juan Leaños, 132, beat Pedro Piña, 133, in ten rounds. Luis Vázquez, 131, TKO'd Juan Collazo, 127, in the eighth.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón:—Lucio "Borrachito" González, 122, won a ten round unanimous decision over Felipe Sosa, 126. Serapio "Sapito" Jiménez, 117, stopped Manuel Alvarez, 117, in the sixth.

Arena Olímpica Laguna, Gómez Palacio:—Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 124, drew with Tony Vázquez, 127, in ten rounds. Humberto "Estudiante" Olmos, 123, TKO'd Jorge Valverde, 117, in nine rounds. Ray Mejía, 126, and Rafael Vázquez, 127, drew in eight rounds.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—Héctor García, 130, iced Chino Padilla, 138, in four. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 122, embalmed Alex Méndez, 122, in the second.

Arena "Lerdo Lerdo:—Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 133, bested Pedro Piña, 134, in 10. Jesús Valenzuela, 132, defeated Fidel Lucero, 131, in eight.

Arena Olímpica Laguna, Gómez Palacio:—Alfonso Flores, 145, easily decisioned Ernesto Molina, 146, in ten. Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 117, and Augustín "Diablito" Campos, 117, drew in ten rounds.

Auditorium "Cruz Blanca", Chávez:—Felipe Sosa, 126, stopped Enrique "Riñón" Espinoza, 128, in the third. Canelo Kid (Eduardo Rodríguez), 140, kayoed Domingo Hidalgo, 141, in the fifth. Juan "Ratón" Robles, 116, decisioned Tarzan Kid (Roberto Espinoza), 117, in eight.

Arena Olímpica Laguna, Gómez Palacio:—Lucio "Borrachito" González, 121, bested Humberto "Estudiante" Olmos, 124, in ten. Serapio "Sapito" Jiménez, 117, decisioned Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 118, after ten rounds. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 121, iced José "Gira" Hernández, 122, in four.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

JESSE TURNER, St. Louis, a prohibitive underdog, nearly punched his way into contender's row, losing a close, bruising ten round brawl to Willie Troy, a ranking middleweight from Washington, D. C., before approximately 4,000 at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. Troy was sent reeling around the ring by a furious onslaught in the third and fourth rounds, but recovered sufficiently to hold Turner on even terms for the next two heats and then made up for lost ground from the seventh on. The decision was unanimous.

Rocky Marciano, world's heavyweight champion, refereed the eight round semi windup which ended in a draw between Jesse Rodriguez, 126, Warren, O. and Jimmy (Lucky) Thomas, 126, St. Louis, Mo.

Cloyd Kitcherside, 149, St. Louis decisioned George James, 152, Chicago in six. Willie Frazier, 137, St. Louis won a t.k.o. over Baby Canto, 137½, New York in first round.

The winter professional boxing season opened at Topeka, Kansas' Municipal Auditorium, with a great fight card which saw Billy Sudduth, 149, Topeka win a split eight round decision over previously unbeaten Andy (Machine Gun) Watkins, 147, Indianapolis, Ind.

In the co-eight round main event, Bobby Bickle, 140, chalked up 29th win in 34 pro starts and his 20th via the kayo route in stopping Woody Woods, 143, Louisville, Ky., in the fourth round.

Undefeated LeRoy Green, 160, former 1953-54 Kansas City Golden Gloves champion scored his eighth knockout in nine pro victories in halting southpaw George Warren, 163, Louisville in the fourth round.

Johnny Jarmillo, 135, Topeka lost a four rounder to Leo "Cat" Carter, 129, Pittsburgh, Pa. Freddy McKay, 158, Topeka after winning the first round, lead with his chin and was stopped in the second by Benny Sowell, 152, Detroit, Michigan. Proceeds from the show went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's fund.

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MONTH'S TOP FIGHTS

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Armando Muniz bested Juan Leanos, 10, Juan then beat Pedro Pina, 10. Carlos Barragan kayoed Jesse DeHoyos, 8. Manuel Mendoza beat Pedro Pina, 10.

Luis Vazquez kayoed Juan Collazo, 8. Hector Garcia kayoed Chino Padilla, 4. Black Bill kayoed Al Cruz, 5.

Dave Cheatum beat Junius West, 6. Stan Kursa whipped Al Roberts, 5.

Ludwig Lightburn outpointed George Berry, 6. Elis Ask decisioned Yves Husson, 6. Dixon Hoxey kayoed Al Wells, 3.

Lejf Wadling trounced Andre Richard, 6. Eddie Corma defeated Chicken Rubin, 6. Herbie Patzer defeated Tony Pappas, 6. Ray Riojas kayoed Bobby Garza, 4, and Johnny Dale, 2.

Louis Carrara drew with Manolo Garcia, 10. Ernie Ramos kayoed Frenchy LeBlanc, 4. Dutch Champion Piet van Klaveren decisioned Louis van Hoeck, 10.

Fernando Silva kayoed Jose Sanchez, 1. Eli Leggett drew with Ralph Capone, 6. Marino Gonzales kayoed Armando Labarece, 1, and beat Rafael Kindelan, 8, and drew with Juan Medina, 8.

Giancarlo Garbelli whipped Al Brown, 8. Rocky Randell drew with Chico Maldonado, 8. Doug Kirby outpointed Johnny Ephan, 10.

Mario Rosellini outfought Renato Beccaria, 10. Moussa Saad decisioned Juan Alvarez, 8. Ron Stribling drew with Johnny Hobbs, 5.

Teddy Hall kayoed Ralph Weiser, 9. Tony Sansone kayoed Linzie Pinkney, 3. Doug Medley kayoed Ivan Keeling, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Sandy Saddler outpointed lightweight Bobby Woods, 10. (non-title.) Teddy Davis outpointed Percy Bassett, 12. Ciro Morasen defeated Nate Brooks, 10.

Cherif Hamia won French title by stopping Jacques Dumesnil, 10. Bobby Bell upset Carmelo Costa, 10. Davey Moore halted Eddie Burgin, 9.

Ben Escobar kayoed Hiroshi Okawa, 7. Puppy Garcia kayoed Tony Grasso, 2. Orlando Castillo defeated Manny Castro, 10.

Flash Elore kayoed Katsumi Kosaka, 8. Orlando Echevarria kayoed Jimmy Cooper, 1. Santiago Martinez kayoed Al Ware, 1. Jean Sheyers thrashed Altidora Polidori, 10.

Victor Quijano defeated Luis Contreras, 10. Billy Kelly outscored Juan Alvarez, 10. Ray Mejia and Rafael Vazquez drew in 8.

Kenny Davis stopped Dave Rollins, 8. Baby Yucatan beat Mudo Jimenez, 10, Chucho Hernandez, 10, but lost to Mike Hernendez, 10. Gene Smith kayoed Pablo Martinez, 2.

Martin Rodriquez kayoed Lorenzo Cabrera, 7. Pedro Tesis decisioned Victor (Sonny) Leon, 10, Leon stopped Luis Castillo, 7. Larry Bataan outscored Yoshiara Yokoi, 10.

Isidro Martinez stopped Pat Marcune, 5. Jose Cotero beat Billy Evans, 10, Jose defeated Sonny Strauss, 10, Sonny won a foul from Lauro Salas, in 8. Javier Mendez kayoed Gavilan Tabasqueno, 9.

Akiyoshio Akanuma stopped Baby Gony, 5. Nello Barbadoro edged out Jean Dubois, 8. Leslie Thompson kayoed Black Bill, 2.

Filberto Osario decisioned Henry (Pappy) Gault, 10. British Champion Sammy McCarthy outpointed Roy Ankrah, 10. Ike Chestnut outpointed Frankie Sodano, 8.

Trini Ruiz decisioned Genaro Serafin, 10. Bobby Courchesne halted Bobby Weaver, 5, and decisioned Jimmy DeMura, 10. Estudiante Olmos stopped bantamweight Jorge Valverde, 9. and Segundo Perez, 8.

Guillermo Medina defeated Ali Martucci, 8, and drew with Gonzalo Andueza, 6. Felipe Sosa stopped Enrique Espinosa, 3, but lost to Luzio Gonzalez, 10. Rodolfo Francis kayoed Lupe Pancho, 7.

Dante Bini held to draw by Andre Younsi, 10. Auburn Copeland outscored Paul Smith, 8, Smith lost to Cecil Schoonmaker, 8. Humberto Carrillo drew with Tony Vazquez, 10.

Segundo Perez beat George Stephany, 6, and stopped Braxton Reed, 3. Joey Trujillo kayoed Benny Coca, 1.

Paul Shea and Jimmy Armstrong drew, 8. Kid Champoton kayoed Ray Mancilla, 6. Luke Sandoval drew with Tony Mesa, 6.

Cesar Morales kayoed Engodo de Campeche, 6. David Oved stopped Tony Ambile, 3.

Antonio Ramirez kayoed Lino Gonzalez, 1. Alex Mendez, 2. and Jose Hernandez, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Mario D'Agata defeated Billy Peacock, 12, Billy previously won a disputed decision over Pierre Cossemyns, 12.

Nate Brooks lost to featherweight Ciro Morasen, 10. British Empire titleholder Peter Keenan retained his crown by defeating George O'Neill, 15.

Fili Nava defeated Baby Face Gutierrez, 10. Lucio Gonzalez defeated Felipe Sosa, 10, and Estudiante Olmos, 10.

Hilaire Pratesi continued along unbeaten way by outboxing Teddy Peckham, 8. Henry (Pappy) Gault lost to featherweight Filberto Osario, 10.

Otilio Galvan beat Pedro Garcia, 10. Fernando Gagnon retained his Canadian title by kayoing Larry Doucette, 2, then stopped Cleo Ortiz, 6.

Jose Lopez bested flyweight Memo Diez, 10. Emile Chemama outfought Jacques Colomb, 10. Johnny O'Brien defeated Joe Guillette, 8, and Henry (Pappy) Gault, 15.

Cecil Schoonmaker whipped featherweight Paul Smith, 8. Ernie (Red) Martinez defeated Teddy Roberts, 10. Henri Podevin trimmed Edmond Moletto, 10.

Baby Moe Mario kayoed Alfredo Avila, 6. Lino Botello defeated Baby Lopez, 10. Ben Davrit beat Yushiyuki Kitamura, 10.

Rudy Coronado halted Kid San Martin, 5. Segundo Perez lost to featherweight Bobby Couchense, 8. Jose Luis Mora defeated Giraldo Bacho, 10.

Sapito Jimenez kayoed Manuel Alvarez, 6, and beat Sal Ruiz, 10. Kid Zefine kayoed Edgar Miller, 3.

Pancho Tronera defeated Rocky Briceno, 8. Rocky kayoed Relampage de Hunuema, 8. Jamie Carabello kayoed Paul Williams, 4, and Dave Gonzalez, 5. Jorge Valverde was stopped by featherweight Estudiante Olmos, 9.

Bobby Singleton defeated Johnny Jannise, 7. Agustin Campos drew with Sal Ruiz, 10, then beat Manolo Ramirez, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Pascual Perez outpointed Yoshio Shirai, 15, to win world championship. European champion Nazzareno Giannelli stopped Jake Tuli, 4. Tuli previously kayoed Heink Van Der Zee, 6. Danny Kid stopped Hiroyuki Tezaki, 7.

Memo Diez lost to bantamweight Jose Lopez, 10. Ramon Cruz kayoed Jorge Herrera, 7.

Pat Supple kayoed Dave Swank, 3, and beat Jean Tremblay, 4. Peter Zapata outscored Billetero Rodriquez, 8.

TOURING THE WORLD

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tralia of bantamweight Pierre Cossemyns.

Holland enjoyed a fairly brisk year with shows staged on regular schedules in Rotterdam, Amsterdam and The Hague, and built around homebred favorites — light-heavyweight Wim Snoek, middleweight Leen Jansen, lightweight Piet van Klaveren, featherweight Henk Klok and flyweight Henk van der Zee. The remarkable "comeback" of 45-year-old welterweight Bep van Klaveren, after a retirement of nearly seven years, also contributed to boxing's appeal to the Dutch.

Spain was active, with Madrid and Barcelona promoting regularly, and occasional cards being offered in Valencia. With the passing of veterans Luis Romero and Luis de Santiago, the main Spanish attractions were heavyweight Jose Gonzalez, welterweights Antonio Monzon and Ben Buker II, featherweights Perea Hernandez, Jose Galiana, Bobby Ros and Manolo Garcia, and flyweights Young Martin and Diaz II.

With no local favorites to root for, the Swiss had to content themselves with occasional cards in Geneva and Zurich featuring imported Italian, German and French talent.

A few modest shows were staged during the year in Lisbon, but the only Portuguese fighter of any consequence was welterweight veteran Raphael DaSylva. Luxembourg, with heavyweight Werner Wiegand and light-heavyweight Jeng Serres as its mainstays, was fairly busy. The Austrian capital, Vienna, did the best it could with limited material. Its best fighters were heavyweight Kurt Schiegl and middleweight Leo Starasch.

RING activity continued lively in the North African lands of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis, but fights for the most part were local affairs, with few developments of major importance. Several of the best North Africans—middleweight Claude Milazzo, lightweights Seraphin Ferrer and Hoacine Khalfi, featherweights Cherif Hamia and Mohamed Chickaoui, and bantamweights Robert Cohen and Gaetano Annaloro—did most of their fighting in Europe.

The rise of Willie Toweel and the busy campaigning of Eddie Thomas high-lighted South Africa's fistic year. Willie, youngest of the Union's prolific fighting clan, established himself during the year as a strong contender for the world bantam title, once held by elder brother Vic. Unbeaten in two years of professional competition, Willie's most important 1954 performances were decisions in international meetings with Henry (Pappy) Gault of the United States and Andre Valignat.

In his third year of pro fighting, hard-hitting Eddie Thomas outgrew the welterweight class and continued his colorful forward march as a middleweight. A popular performer, Thomas was a busy 'un in 1954, packing in a dozen bouts, winning two-thirds of them by knockouts, but just as the year was ending, and his enthusiastic cohorts were beginning to envision him as a world champion, Eddie ran into unexpected disaster. He was stopped and relieved of his South African title by a crude but hard-belting newcomer, Mike Holt.

STADIUMS, Ltd., which had practically monopolized big-time promotions in Australia for nearly a half-century, found itself up against stiff competition with the newly-organized Australian Boxing Club, and the result was a general improvement in ring doings Down Under. Oddly enough, the best attractions were not locals but importations. The veteran American welterweight, Freddie Dawson, continued to rank as the island continent's No. 1 favorite, and the large Italian immigrant population, brought in since the close of World War II, made tremendous box-office assets of the visiting crowd from Sunny It'. Other imports from Spain, Belgium, France and the United States helped to enliven the general scene.

Aside from Thailand, leading centers of ring activity in Asia were Japan and the Phillippines. Both reported lively years. Yoshio Shirai's loss of the world flyweight title was a stunning jolt to the Japanese, but didn't seem to affect the popularity of boxing in Nippon, and shows in Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama and other cities continued to draw well. Next to Shirai, the leading Japanese ringmen were lightweight Masashi Akiyama, featherweight Shigeji Kaneko and bantamweight Susumi Taguchi.

These last twelve months may not have been particularly noteworthy for major developments in the international sock market, but one fact definitely stood out—boxing still was the world's No. 1 sport, and there seemed little likelihood that anything else in the athletic realm would replace it for some little time to come, if ever.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

BOBBY SINN forced his way into world rating when he beat BILLY PEACOCK at Melbourne Stadium on October 29. Peacock, it will be remembered, beat PIERRE COSSEMYNS in a close fight at Sydney Stadium recently. The Sinn-Peacock fight was a particularly fierce one, with the American in charge early and Sinn gradually reducing his lead. Over the final four rounds Sinn forced his way to a clear lead, although Peacock strenuously fought for every inch of ground.

MARIO D'AGATA, the deaf and dumb boy who holds the Italian bantamweight crown, proved a Tartar when he fought SINN at Melbourne Stadium on November 19. This, like the Sinn-Peacock fight, was a beauty. Ringsiders thought that it would be impossible for the boys to maintain the pace they set at the opening, but maintain it they did for the whole 12 rounds. D'Agata gained a points verdict.

FREDDIE DAWSON had an outing at Leichhardt Stadium on October 28. Without working up a sweat, he iced Filipino, BENNY SALEM in a round—two minutes, to be precise. You can't take chances with Freddie and Benny lowered his guard for an instant. It was a left hook which spilled him—a one-punch K.O.

On November 11, the two Filipino stablemates, SALEM and RAY RICO, fought on a double bill—two 12-rounders. Salem had the more difficult task, being pitted against ALFIE SANDS. Freddie Dawson refereed this one and stopped it in the fifth, crowning Sands, who was too strong for Benny. Incidentally, Freddie did a good job as third man. RICO stopped BILLY LORD in the second round of the other 12.

On November 18 FREDDIE DAWSON was in the ring again at Leichhardt three weeks after his demolition of Salem, this time against ALFIE SANDS. These two met a year ago at Newcastle in a war in which Dawson knew too much and hit too hard. In that fight Freddie stopped Alfie in seven rounds. Dawson was always the master, but Sands fought to the last breath. Maybe Alfie profited by this experience, because he did not sail in this time with intent to commit mayhem. Dawson won it in the third. Ray Coleman drew with Alan Ritchie in 12 rounds on the same card.

Sydney saw the European lightweight champion, DUILIO LOI on November 8. He was opposed to AUGUSTIN ARGOTE, the Spanish champion. Loi revealed class boxing. He was beautiful to watch as he outclassed Argote.

COL CLARKE, whom I wrote as a great prospect last year, forced his inclusion in Australian ratings with a K.O. win over TONY FISHER at Brisbane Stadium on November 12. It was a battle all the way and Tony could not continue with a cut eye. However, that was not his only injury—he was cut in a few more places. Clarke was on top when the referee halted it. This brings up Clarke's record to 17 K.O. wins in 18 fights.

In Melbourne on the same night the Italian lightweight, BRUNO VISINTIN, proved that a straight left was the weapon to beat the Belgian champion, JO JANSSENS, who was making his debut in Australia. Ten days later Janssens came to Sydney, where he crossed gloves with AMERICI AGOSTINI, Italian-born Aussie. Janssens won convincingly, and one minute before the end of the last round—the 12th—referee Vic Patrick halted it.

Agostini had suffered a badly gashed forehead as a result of an accidental head clash in the ninth round, and this influenced Vic.

In Sydney, Italian LUIGI COLUZZI, middleweight, was too clever for PRAN MIKUS, Australian middleweight title claimant, in a rough, mauling fight. Coluzzi ran out a points winner. Three weeks earlier, Coluzzi easily outpointed DON BRONCO JOHNSON in an entertaining though one-sided fight.

But here comes an upset. Johnson, whom we regard as at the end of a spectacular, though short, career, knocked out Spanish champion, RICARDO MARCOS in Brisbane on November 19. This was indeed a turnup, as Marcos had drawn and lost a close decision to Coluzzi and impressed as a comer. But Don found his weakness and the referee halted the affair, which was a rough and tumble, at the end of the ninth round.

Eighteen days prior to his defeat by Johnson, Marcos outpointed CARLO MARCHINI at Sydney Stadium. The decision was clear cut. Yet Marchini easily outpointed Johnson a few months ago. Another thing, Bill Larrigo, who stopped Marchini last year, was knocked out recently by Marcos.

Great crowd-pleaser, FRANK FLANNERY, has retired. Frank was lightweight champion for a while and always gave good value for his money. In Melbourne, he packed the stadium on many occasions. But Frankie has been slipping lately, and after being outpointed in a scrambling contest by MARIO TRIGO, he realized that he did not have it any more. Trigo would not have beaten the Flannery of a year ago, though Frankie was never a world-beater.

YOUNG LAYTON turned in an upset in Brisbane on October 29, by stopping YOUNG REGAN in the eleventh round in an elimination to find a new Australian featherweight champion. Regan was favorite to win the title, but now it looks like Layton.

I am the Sydney agent for Broken Hill ever since the Stadium up there was taken over by a new syndicate in October, 1953.

There have been some great fights seen at Broken Hill in recent weeks, this month's battles being really battles from first to last. On October 28, ALAN CARTWRIGHT outpointed EDDIE MAGEE in a war. Magee is a rated feather, but he weighed in as a lightweight for this one. A supporting 12 was between NOEL WILKIE, feather, and RON HOTTON. This was won by Wilkie on points in a hard fight.

One week later, VINCE BLAKE, Australian flyweight champion, knocked out FRANK BENNETT in the tenth round. It was a great scrap and Bennett was in front coming into the tneth, but he ran into trouble and the referee stopped it. Bennett is a great prospect, being just out of the preliminary ranks. He is a bantam, but, at 116, was two pounds lighter than Blake. Bennett can make flyweight.

Supporting the Blake-Bennett fight was ALEC WELDON, also from Andy Whittet's gym. Andy has Bennett. Weldon, who fought the main at Broken Hill a week or two before, wanted to fight in support to Frankie, so he was matched with JOHN (Y SIMMONS. Weldon halted Simmons in the seventh.

I was lucky in getting ALAN CARTWRIGHT and TEDDY McCOY together. They put on a two-man war and Cartwright won it on points. That was in Broken Hill. McCoy fought a twelve-rounder two nights later at Sydney Stadium and was again outpointed, this time by HAROLD PIPER.

EDDIE DIONE, French welter champion, comfortably outpointed American MARSHALL CLAYTON at Leichhardt Stadium on November 4, in what was a close-up fight, with little long-range stuff. Eddie is a clever boxer.

Middleweight swiper, CLARRIE GROGAN, is being kept busy. He knocked out BILLY WOODS in 4 rounds at Sydney Stadium on October 5 in a bout which was scheduled for ten rounds. Then he knocked out BILLY McDONALD in two a week later. Then he was given a 12 rounder at Brisbane against SIGI FORMELLA four days later. Grogan won by K.O. in four.

Australia's busiest fighter, featherweight HERB PITTMAN, outpointed ABBY TRANBY, Queensland's bantam champ, in Brisbane on November 5.

At Broken Hill on November 12 two rated lightweights met in a good fight. BRIAN MEMBREY was too fast for NED WILSON, winning on points, to break Ned's winning streak.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

DUE to local election meetings being held on the same night, the Aruba Boxing Association had to be content with a much smaller crowd than they have been accustomed to in the past for the monthly fight card presented at the National Arena on November 12 by the A.B.A.

The 10-round main event brought together Miguel Napoles, 172, Cuba, versus Samuel Nunes, 159, Portugal, which was a slugfest from start to finish. Napoles who is a much more polished artist of the ring, fought in spurts. Nunes' aggressiveness paid off in the end as he received the decision over his heavier and larger adversary.

In another 10-round semi-final, Kid Zorro, 135, St. Kitts, and Jose Ramon Delgado, 134, Venezuela, continued where they left off last month when they fought to a draw. The decision this time went to Zorro.

In the only knockout of the evening, Billy Fox, 159, St. Martin, floored Dennis Dunkirk, 158, St. Eustatius, in the 2nd round of a scheduled 6-rounder.

The best bout of the evening was a 4-rounder between two up and coming youngsters, Kid McCoy, 146, Aruba, and Galento Jr., 142, Garacao. The draw decision was roundly applauded by the crowd.

Another 4-rounder brought together fancy Efi Croes, 131, Aruba, and rough-tough Kid Ambrosio, 134, Aruba.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

BOXING followers mourned the death of Billy Haack, Memphis, Tenn., nationally known in fistic circles for over 50 years. Haack, in my opinion, was the best promoter the South ever produced. Billy had oodles of color.

The colorful Haack staged eight round main events in Memphis, Tenn., for years as only eight rounders were allowed under the law. Billy promoted, was his own matchmaker, sometimes managed one of the main bout principals and was the referee. He was regarded as a square John and gave the proper decision regardless if it affected his own fighter.

When boxing was outlawed in New York, it was a turning point for the Southern promoters. Champions and near champions would drop off in Memphis, Tenn., and box eight rounds for Haack and be matched for 15 or 20 rounds here. In those days the 20 round bouts were usually staged on a Sunday afternoon across the river from Orleans at a little hamlet called McDonoghville, La., which played to sellout of 5000 fans.

Haack had champions and near champions either as a main bout fighter or guest referee. He used Jack Dempsey as a fighter and later a guest referee. Practically every great fighter fought at least once for Haack's club.

Joe Mandot, as great a lightweight contender that the South ever produced, made his ring reputation in Memphis, Tenn., where he would play to a sellout in every start for Haack. Mandot's Memphis success against great fighters made New Orleans realize that in the French Market "Baker Boy" New Orleans had a potential lightweight champion.

New Orleans fighters who were used to traveling 20 rounds in those days, liked the eight round route for a payday and a fight to keep them in better condition and Pete Herman, Mandot, Eddie Coulon, Johnny Fisse, Phil Virgets, Pal Moran, Vic Moran, Frankie Russell, Joe Thomas, Jack Russo, Artie Simons, Young Denny, Marty Burke, Al Wambsgans, Happy Littleton, Ashton Donza, Benny Harvey, Jack Denny, Harry Carter, Sidney K. O. Brown, Young McGovern, Al Pettingill, Tony Maurullo, Basile Galiano, Johnny Cook, Joe Cook and numerous others were headliners at Haack's clubs.

May Your Soul rest in peace, Billy.

Lawrence "Monk" Armstead, 21 year old local lightweight bids fair to succeed Joe Brown, New Orleans lightweight as the Southern lightweight champion and become nationally known earning a ring rating in the first ten during 1955, if Armstead is properly matched and continues on his winning ways.

He is in smart fistic hands. He is managed by Collis Phillips, his trainer and manager. Armstead leaped a big hurdle in his last start on Nov. 16, at the Coliseum Arena, knocking out Nat "Killer" Jackson, another hometown pride, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten round main event staged by promoter Heard Ragas.

It was an important win for young Armstead as Jackson holds two ten round decisions over Teddy (Redtop) Davis, Hartford, Conn., scored locally.

The fifth round found Armstead pounding away at the body, then he deposited a right cross on Jackson's chin and the "Killer" was counted out by Referee Roland Brown in 1:21 of that heat. Armstead scaled 134, Jackson 132¼ pounds.

A hometown natural staged by Heard Ragas, it was a big payday for all concerned. 2,525 fans paid a gross gate of almost $2,600 to witness a new pugilistic star rise locally in Armstead.

Bob Gurley, 206½ lost four round decision to Bill Hughes, 193¼ pounds. Ed Cates, 138 pounds won a four round verdict over Ike Cyrus, 139¼. Johnny Howard, 150 pounds, stopped Ernest DeLong, 156 in the opening round of a four. Ray Steele, 166 pounds knocked out Jackie Woods, 158 in the first heat of a four. Minnie West, 125 scored a four round victory over Cleveland Hamilton, 126 pounds.

Joe Dorsey, New Orleans middleweight protege of Jerome Conforto and Brother Kron, scored his 12th win in 13 professional fights on November 30 at the Coliseum Arena, winning a unanimous ten round verdict over Cyril Kelly, local middleweight, who recently had been fighting around Chicago, Ill. It was Dorsey's second win over Kelly. Kelly scaled 158½ pounds and Dorsey weighed 162 pounds.

Promoter Heard Ragas staged the all-colored card with 1,091 fans paying a net gate of $836.87.

In the six round semi-final, Dave Cheatum won an upset decision over Junius West, 138 pounds. Solis Scott, 141½, outpointed Cleveland Hamilton, 136, in a four. Charles Bolton, 136, scored a four round win over Bob Sears, 141½ pounds. Ray Steele, 163, stopped Charles Turner, 161½, in the second stanza of a four rounder.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

WALLACE SMITH kept Cincinnati on the fight map as well as pulling himself up in the 135 pound ranks with a fine nine round kayo over Arthur Persley of Red Cross, La. The bout was held at Miami on November 20.

Greater Cincinnati's other active fighter Rinzi Nocero of Covington, Ky. braced himself up several notches in the middleweight ranks with a good-timed eight round win over Tommy Dixon of New York at New York's Sunnyside Arena on November 18.

Both Smith and Nocero are expected to make main event showings this winter at Music Hall.

Dayton, Ohio's promoter Charlie Pfeiffer of the Gym Club here has several good cards planned for the coming months.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

THE International Boxing Guild of Ohio met in Cleveland and the following officers were elected: Al Delmonte, President; John Keough, Executive Vice-President; Pat Yates, Vice-President, and Jimmy Avon, Secretary-Treasurer. The trustees are Nestor Autho, Harold N. Chatman, Harry Krohn, Don Hale, Less Huffman, Bill Butler and Johnny Papke. Cleveland, Toledo, Canton, Akron, Youngstown, Cincinnati, Warren, Wooster and Columbus members attended.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

JACK DEMPSEY, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world stopped off in Sioux City to referee a major wrestling card during the past month. Dempsey is still a drawing card and as usual helped draw a record breaking crowd of fans.

At this writing amateur boxing in this area is the big talk. At Sioux Falls, S. D. the Air National guard will hold an elimination meet in the Coliseum. . . . Another big section meet is slated for northeastern Nebraska amateurs with the bouts being held in South Sioux City, Nebr. . . . The official Golden Gloves gymnasium in Sioux City will be open daily at the Sioux City police station. . . . Supervising the training sessions will be Bob Morley and Eddie Simmons. Morley is a former Golden Gloves champion. . . . He won the featherweight title in Sioux City in 1935 and the lightweight crown in 1936 and the following year he won the 135 pound title at Omaha and in 1938 and 1939 returned to win the lightweight titles in Sioux City again.

PHOENIX FIGHT NEWS
By Bill Thompson

MADISON Square Garden—Jimmy Martinez, 154, Glendale, Ariz., won a unanimous decision over Pedro Gonzales, 160, Rankin, Pa., in a fast-paced rematch. Both fighters stood toe to toe on several occasions and slugged it out at top speed. Martinez countered Gonzales' rushing flurries with sharp right crosses to the head. The two rugged middleweights had previously fought to a draw.

Zora Folley, 192, Chandler, scored his fourteenth straight victory with a one-sided decision over Jimmy Ingram, 176, Los Angeles.

Johnny Hart Jr., 138, showed a lot of speed and class in beating tough Mickey Kane, 140, Pittsburgh.

Tucson Sports Center—Johnny Hart Jr., 135, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Salas, 135. Hart and Salas, substituting for Eddie Williams and Hank Davis, provided plenty of fast action.

Madison Square Garden—Neal Rivers, 151, Las Vegas, Nevada, upset Charlie Salas, 149, Phoenix, for the second time this year. Young Rivers won a ten round decision over the veteran Salas with his aggressiveness.

Harry Taylor, 176, Los Angeles, outslugged Shamus Jones, 172, to win the semi-final. Dickie Jones, 150, scored a second-round TKO over Rocky Scott, 154, Brooklyn. Johnny Hayden, 175, outpointed Jasper McCoy, 174. Bobby Ortiz, 138, beat Sid Walker, 139.

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SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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Mohamed, 136¼, Calcutta, India. In fours, Rory Calhoun, 160, White Plains, whipped Jerry Ludico, 158½, Newark, and Yama Bahama, 152, Bimini, Fla., won from Joe Lissy, 147, Yorkville.

Although not the fighter he had been a year or so before, the youthful veteran Gil Turner, 154, Philadelphia, is still too formidable for comparative novices like Ray Drake, 158, Brooklyn, and he amply demonstrated the fact by battering the youngster into defeat at 1:27 of the ninth at Eastern Parkway. Drake, facing his first "name" opponent, and trying to go the ten-round route for the first time, made a creditable showing in the early rounds and was actually leading at the half-way mark. He couldn't maintain the pace, however, and began to wilt in the sixth. Ray had rough going in that round and from then on faded steadily. The kid fought back stubbornly but Turner was too strong and persistent for him. By the end of the eighth, Drake was so obviously spent that Dr. Sam Swetnick, the club physician, climbed into the ring to look him over. Drake was allowed to continue, but midway through the ninth he was so near exhaustion Referee Ray Miller called a halt. Setting the style for the main event, three of the five prelims produced knockouts, Richard Glennon, 157, Bronx, halting Charley Moss, 161, Brooklyn, at 1:17 of the third; Stanley Bice, 138, Toronto, polishing off Ronnie Kleinfeldt, 141, Brooklyn, at 0:23 of the third, and the visiting Israeli, David Oved, 129½, posting his ninth straight win at the Parkway by stopping Anthony Amabile, 129¾, Bronx, at 1:37 of the fourth. In the only bouts to go their scheduled distances, Joe Shaw, 163, Harlem, whipped Tommy Dixon, 158, Brooklyn, in six, and George Stepney, 128¼, decisioned a rival West Sider, Paddy Read, 125¼.

Spending too much time in posing and shadow-boxing and not enough in punching, Lulu Perez, 132, Brooklyn, blew an upset decision to Joey Lopes, 133, Sacramento, Cal., in a fast ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Perez handled Lopes so easily in the first two rounds he apparently became overconfident and began to "showboat." By the time he realized his mistake, he couldn't seem to get back into his normal stride again. Lopes, improving as the bout progressed, proved himself to be a busy kid with a fast pair of hands, and he repeatedly outpunched Perez when the latter elected to exchange with him. Lopes was particularly effective with left hooks and rocked Perez with them several times. With a 35¼-pound pull in the weights, but puzzled by his opponent's southpaw style, Sylvester Jones, 216, Newark, was held to a draw by Shirley Pembleton, 180¾, Philadelphia, in the semi-final, cut from eight rounds to six. Jimmy Scalero, 135¾, Stamford, Conn., outpunched Artie McCann, 141, Bronx, in six. In fours, Bobby Nelson, 145½, Bronx, won from Lou Marsicano, 147, East Side; Toby Coleman, 144, Rochester, stopped Del Bowens, 149, Brooklyn, at 2:41 of the second, and Frank Ford, 174½, Bronx, polished off Paul Notar, 173, Brooklyn, at 0:44 of the second.

He was a sorry looking mess at the finish, his features smeared with gore from gashes over both eyes, but unbeaten Frankie Ryff, 136, Bronx, was well deserving of the decision over Orlando Zulueta, 133½, Cuba, in a bitterly-fought ten in Madison Square Garden. For speed and concerted action, it was one of the best fights seen this season in the House That Tex Built. Ryff set a blistering pace from the start, swarming all over Zulueta with both hands blazing away. He found a willing mixer in the shifty, experienced Cuban, and the battle teemed with exciting exchanges, Ryff generally having the better of them. In posting his sixteenth straight win as a pro, Frankie had just a bit too much aggressiveness and stamina for Zulueta, but he was a badly bunged-up winner when the final bell rang. Ryff was bothered considerably in the closing frames by blood streaming down his face and into his eyes. As early as the first round a cut was ripped above his left optic, but it was a minor casualty compared to the jagged gash torn above the right one in the fourth. Twice during the bout—after the fifth and ninth rounds—Dr. Vincent Nardiello checked Ryff in his corner, and permitted the bout to continue. The cuts, said the medico, were nasty but not dangerous. After the fight twenty-one stitches were needed to repair the damage. The semi-final eight ended at 1:35 of the seventh, Howie Turner, 198, Brooklyn, stopping Johnny Hoye, 201½, Boston. Another eight also was abbreviated, Mike Colucci, 148, Corona, flattening Ralph Giardano, 146, Newark, at 0:29 of the third. In fours, Billy Warren, 145¼, Brooklyn, won from Joe Lissy, 146½, Yorkville; Itzy Wallach, 143¾, East Side, drew with Bobby Douglas, 141¼, Philadelphia, and Jerry Almos, 136¼, East Side, halted Steve Proko, 140¼, Brooklyn, at 2:14 of the first.

Hustle and bustle carried Bobby Bell, 127½, Youngstown, O., to a split but merited decision over Carmelo Costa, 129½, Brooklyn, in an action-packed ten at Eastern Parkway Arena. The speedy Bell, taking the initative at the start, had all the better of the early going. He piled into Costa so fast and furiously that Carmelo was able to use only one-half of his usually effective hit-and-run tactics. He was kept so busy running he didn't have much time for hitting. A cut over Costa's left eye, inflicted in the second round, worsened as the fight progressed and was bleeding profusely by the end of the fifth. In desperation, the Brooklynite began to do some punching of his own in the sixth, and from then on the battle was enlivened by frequent lively exchanges. Costa did some effective scoring with rights to the head and both hands to the body, but not enough to slow Bell down or change the ultimate result. Already bothered by the gash on his eyebrow, Costa suffered further facial damage in the eighth when a cut was opened on his forehead, and in the closing rounds the Brooklynite's vision was blurred by gore trickling into his eyes. Henry Winchman 142½, East Side, drew with Artie Thelemaque, 147, St. Albans, in the semi-final eight. Hector Rodriguez, 130½, Brooklyn, decisioned Dave Carillo, 128½, Harlem, in six. In fours, Cortez Stewart, 171, Harrisburg, Pa., whipped Frank Ford, 175½, Bronx, and Harry Bell, 134½, Long Island City, stopped Bill Elbaun, 135½, Bronx, at 2:42 of the first.

In what was probably the best showing he has yet uncovered in an American ring, Italo Scortichini, 154½, Italy, proved too fast, strong and versatile for plodding Chico Varona, 153, Cuba, in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Scortichini didn't do as much scampering, back-pedaling and clutching as had previously been his wont. He was more aggressive and his flurries more frequent and sustained. Lacking a real punch, the Italian didn't have Varona in serious trouble at any time, but his fast, two-handed outbursts often had Chico bewildered and floundering. The Cuban fought back doggedly all the way, and his best rounds were the second and fourth when he nailed Scortichini with righ uppercuts to the jaw and body. Aside from those two sessions, however, the fight was pretty much Scortichini's. Johnny Jenkins, 179, Harlem, outfought Elmo Lincoln, 178½, Newark, in the semi-final six. In fours, Donald McAteer, 164½, Paterson, N. J., whipped Jimmy Skinner, 161, Harlem; Johnny Gorman, 139½, Brooklyn, won from Guadalupe Robledo, 137¾, Mexico; Eddie Lynch, 150, Bronx, had the better of Warren Hegge, 152¾, Brooklyn, and Ricco Hackney, 192½, Long Island City, beat Johnny Orgen, 205½.

The automatic three-downs-and-out rule brought an unsatisfactory ending to a scheduled eight between Isaac Logart, 145, Cuba, and Calvin Davis, 146½, Long Island City, at 2:43 of the second at Sunnyside Garden. After a fast, fairly even first round, Logart dropped Davis twice in the second. Both were clean knockdowns, but Davis didn't appear to be seriously hurt. However, after getting up from his second tumble, Calvin was jolted during a lively exchange and one knee touched the canvas. Davis was up immediately, but Referee Barney Felix called it a third knockdown and halted the affair. Carl Fusco, 124½, Bronx, edged out George Stepney, 123, Long Island City, in a ding-dong semi-final six. In other sixes, Andy Figaro, 152½, Puerto Rico, won from Joe Salvato, 156½, Yonkers, and Tony Sansone, 139½, Astoria, halted Linzie Pinkney, 136, Harlem, at 1:26 of the third. The opening four ended at 2:19 of the third, Richie Glennon, 155½, Bronx, polishing off Tommy Quinn, 156, Bronx. With the house about two-thirds filled.

With an ideal foil in front of him, Vince Martinez, 150, Paterson, N. J., delivered a classy exhibition of boxing and sharpshooting in outclassing Al Andrews, 154, Superior, Wis., in a one-sided ten in Madison Square Garden. Aggressive but crude Andrews was made to order for shifty Martinez. Never one to take needless chances, the Patersonian operated strictly on the defensive for six rounds, permitting the hustling, bustling Andrews to set the pace while he countered with snappy lefts and jolting rights. When Andrews did get close enough to do any damage, Martinez promptly tied him up in clinches. With the Wisconsinian beginning to slow down from the pace, Martinez became more aggressive in the seventh, and a volley of rights to the chin had Andrews staggering toward the end of the round. Martinez continued his bombardment in the closing sessions, but couldn't put his opponent down, although Andrews' legs buckled several times, and at the finish his nose was bleeding and his right eye almost closed. Ludwig Lightburn, 135, British Honduras, was too smooth a mechanic for George Berry, 133, Gary, Ind., in the semi-final, cut from eight rounds to six. In eight, Eddie Prince, 152, Poughkeepsie, outpointed Mario Terry, 148½, Cuba. In fours, Ronnie Dalbora, 132, Brooklyn, won from Mickey Seebeck, 131½, Long Island City; Hardy Smallwood, 156, Brooklyn, whipped Gene Washington, 154, Elizabeth, N. J., and Ernie Williams, 141, Washington, D. C., stopped Armand Bush, 140¼, Brooklyn, at 2:35 of the third.

PEREZ WINS PROGRESS AWARD

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In his second year as a punch-for-pay performer, Willie added the Union's featherweight title to the bantamweight he already held, and whipped two visitors, Henry (Pappy) Gault of the United States and Andre Valignat, French champion, to earn a high rating among the world's leading bantams.

IN checking the rest of the candidates for outstanding progress in 1954, we found only one deserving of major consideration. He was a chunky little Argentino, flyweight Pascual Perez.

Actually, Perez's progress was no sudden development. Pascual had won the Olympic 112-pound title in London as far back as 1948, and much was expected of him as a professional. It wasn't until four years later, however, that he decided to give the money ranks a whirl, and by that time he had been forgotten by the world at large.

Perez was then 26, a rather advanced age for any fighter, especially a flyweight, to begin serious pro operations. But Pascual had the strength and ruggedness of maturity, and he quickly established himself as the best flyweight in the Argentine. In two years, he ran off a string of nineteen straight wins—no less than seventeen of them by knockouts!

Unfortunately for his international prestige, however, Perez's exploits weren't publicized beyond his native land, and, excepting readers of The Ring, he was virtually unknown to the rest of the world when reports flashed out of Buenos Aires last summer that he had held the touring world champion, Yoshio Shirai, to a draw in a ten-round non-title affair.

If that result was regarded as a surprise, Perez had something more startling to offer in his next outing a few months later—a return match with Shirai, this time in the latter's own bailiwick, Tokyo, and over the fifteen-round route for the world title.

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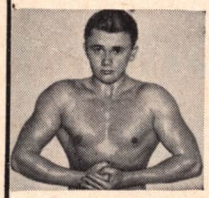

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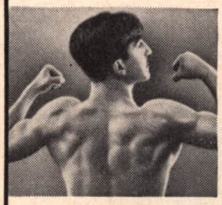

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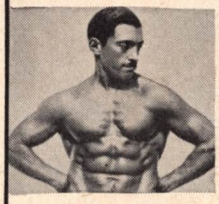

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